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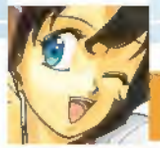

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Rally Vincent and Minnie-May Hopkins are two regular American girls. Regular American girls who own a gun shop and might have dabbled in prostitution, respectively. And who happen to be a crack shot and an explosives expert, respectively.

These might be odd skills for American girls, but these two happen to be Chicago's top bounty hunters. Rally can shoot the trigger off a gun from a good distance, and May generally wreaks havoc with explosions and cuteness. And together, with some very useful friends and associates, they make up the Gunsmith Cats.

Burst finds our ladies back at work, back in action, and . . . back in trouble. Now presented in the favored Japanese, right-to-left fomat, *Gunsmith Cats: Burst* aims to please.

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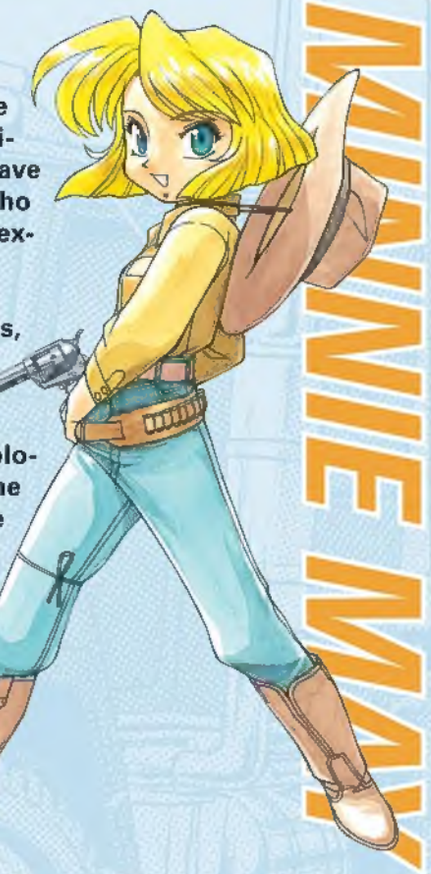

MINNIE MAY RALLY VINCENT 1

RALLY VINCENT AND MINNIE-MAY

GUNSMITH CATS BURST

Rally and Minnie-May are two teen girls running a weapons shop in Chicago . . . but they have a side business as bounty hunters! Though their main task is to hunt down runaway criminals with bounty on their heads, they somehow always end up undertaking risky jobs and getting themselves into major messes!

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CHARACTER FILE

GUNSMITH CATS BURST

RALLY VINCENT *(bottom right)* ラリー・ビンセント
The gun of choice for this expert marksman is the CZ75. Loves driving her GT500 almost as much as shooting. The toughest bounty hunter in Chicago. When it comes to love, though, she's a bit naïve.

MAY HOPKINS *(bottom left)* メイ・ホプキンス
(nickname: Minnie-May)
Rally's "partner" at Gunsmith Cats. This bomb freak always has explosives on hand. Formerly a high-priced Chinatown call-girl.

PLOT

Rally and Minnie-May run the Chicago gunsmith shop, Gunsmith Cats . . . but that's only half of the story. Their main profession is bounty hunting: they chase down criminals who have skipped bail and turn them over to the police for reward. They have a certain knack for choosing jobs that go wrong, though, and are always in hot water. Each time they have come out on top thanks to their own skills and the help of their friends, but what about this time . . .

BECKY FARRAH *(bottom left)* ベッキー・ファーラ

Rally's favorite informant. Her prices are high, but her information is always first rate. Drives a BMW 2002 turbo.

BEAN BANDIT *(bottom middle)* ビーン・バンデット

This transporter also goes by the nickname "Road Buster." Will transport anything for a price. The best driver around.

MISTY BROWN *(bottom right)* ミスティー・ブラウン

Formerly a pro burglar, she went straight after being caught by Rally. Good with a knife and an excellent lock picker. One of Rally's stout-hearted (?) allies.

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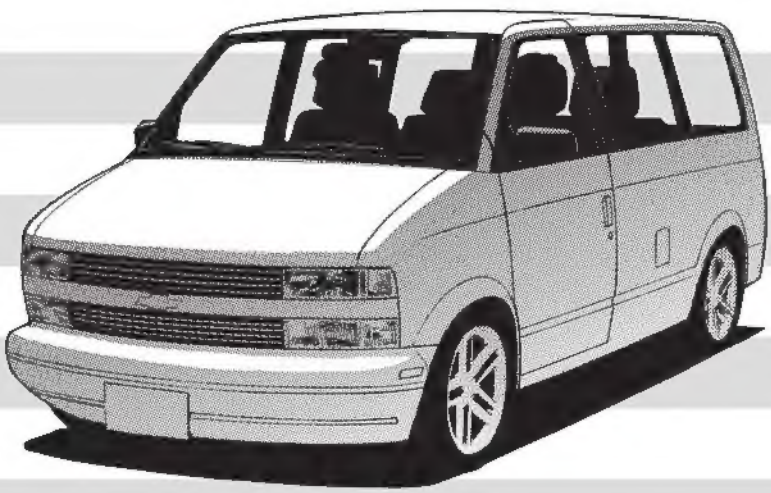

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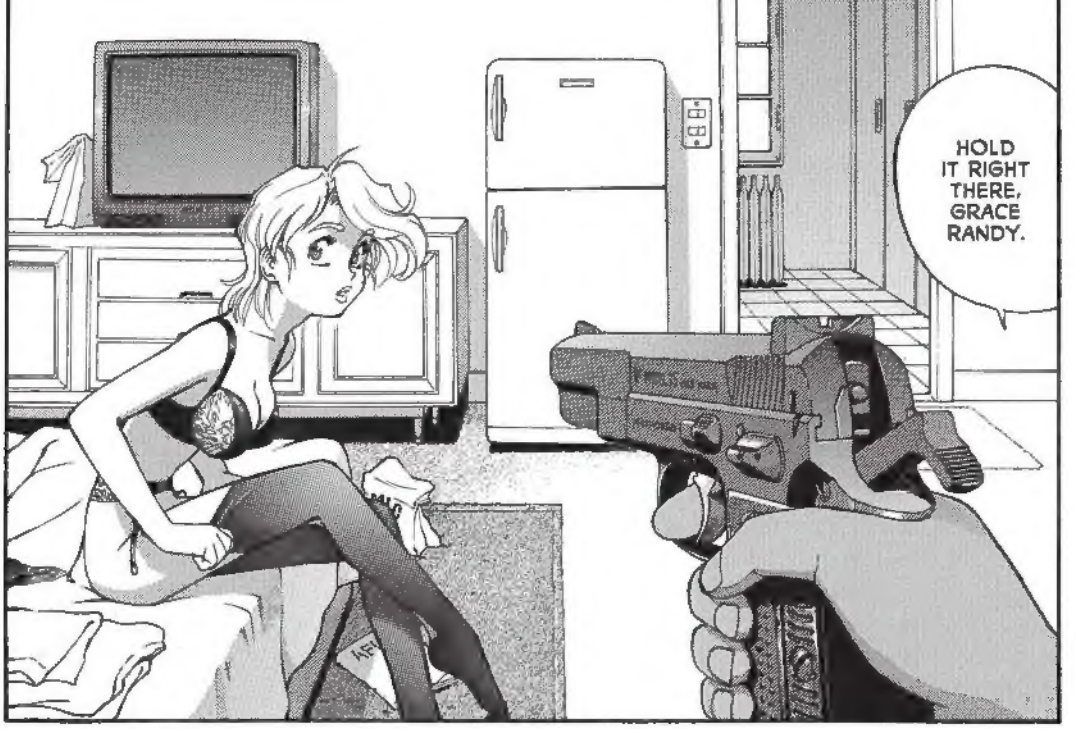
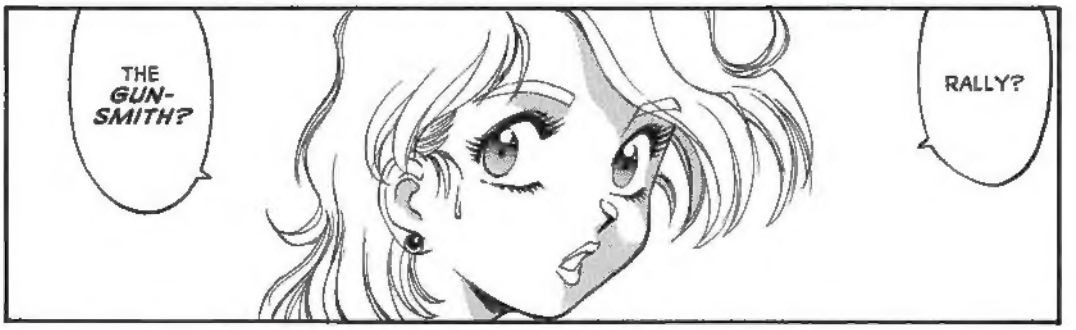
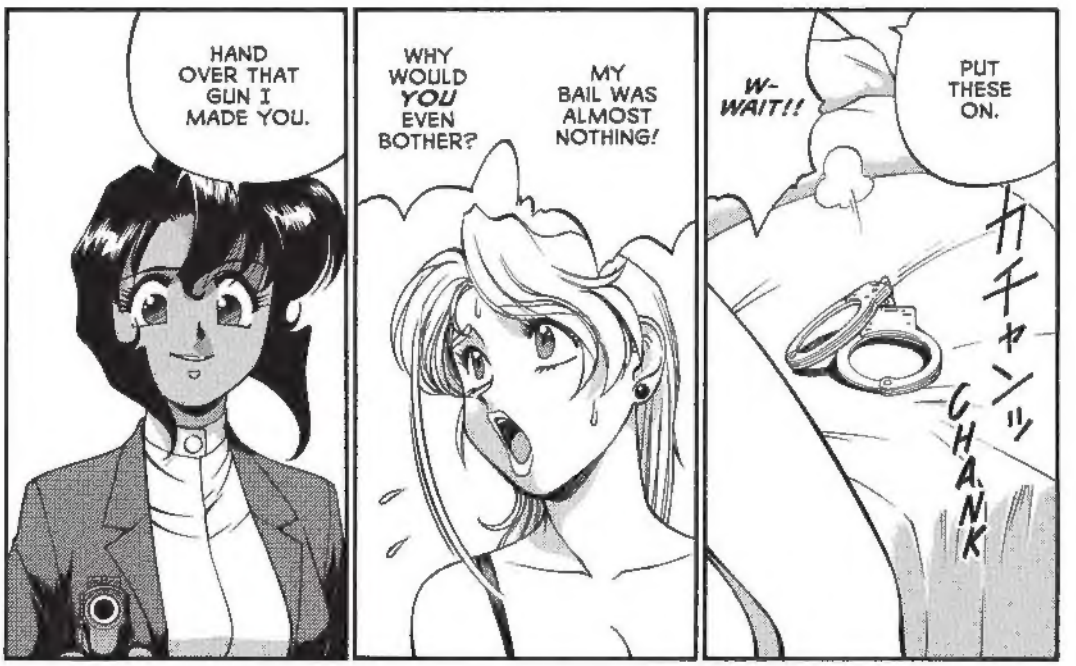

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, GRACE RANDY.


THE GUN-SMITH?
RALLY?

RIGHT. RALLY VINCENT. I CUSTOM-IZED YOUR GUN LAST MONTH.
ガチャッ GCHAK
HI!
チャキンッ CHKING

WHAT? YOU MEAN... YOU'RE *THAT* RALLY VINCENT?
THE ONE AND ONLY.
H-HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS HERE?
I'M A ***BOUNTY HUNTER.*** NEVER DOUBT MY INVESTIGATIVE SKILLS AND INTELLIGENCE NETWORK.


HAND OVER THAT GUN I MADE YOU.
WHY WOULD ***YOU*** EVEN BOTHER?
MY BAIL WAS ALMOST NOTHING!
W-WAIT!!
PUT THESE ON.
カチャン!!
CHANK

THE GUN WAS MISSING FROM THE THINGS THE POLICE TOOK FROM YOUR ROOM.
ガラ!!
CLUNK
WHAT?
ガサ!!
RUSTLE

ONLY THE POLICE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN...
I MADE A DEAL! THEN I WAS ATTACKED--
?
NOW, WHERE IS IT?
I WON'T HAVE ONE OF THE GUNS I CUSTOMIZED USED AS A WEAPON BY A FUGITIVE!
AH?
THEY'RE AFTER ME! IF THE POLICE CATCH ME, I'LL BE KILLED!
THERE'S NOTHING BUT TRASH AND A CHANGE OF CLOTHES.
RALLY! IT'S NOT IN HERE.
NOTHING BUT DRINKS AND SOME FOOD.
IT'S NOT HERE EITHER.
CAN I ASK A FAVOR?
SEE? I TOLD YOU.
I DON'T HAVE IT!
WHERE'S THE GUN?
I DON'T CARE!
WHEN I CAME HOME AFTER POSTING BAIL MY ROOM WAS TRASHED.

PRETTY PLEASE?
WILL YOU PROTECT ME UNTIL I GIVE MY TESTIMONY THE DAY AFTER TOMOR-ROW?

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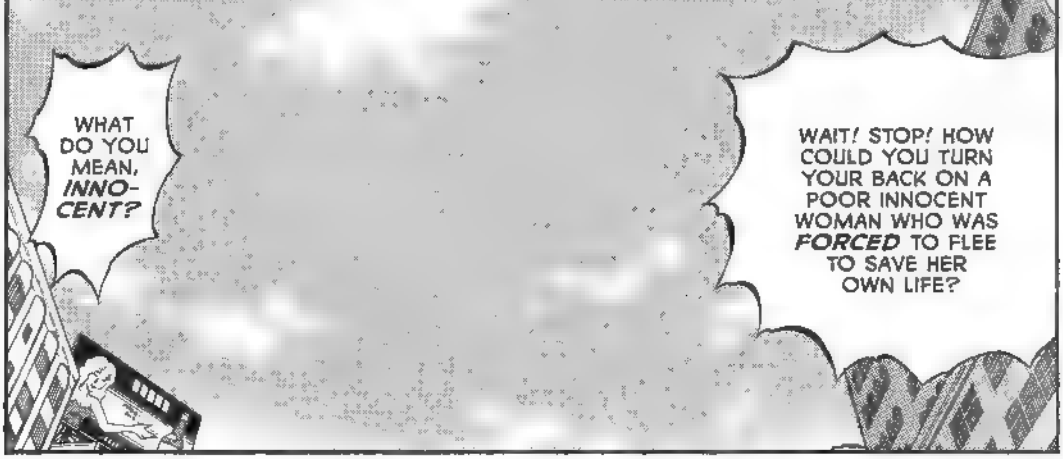
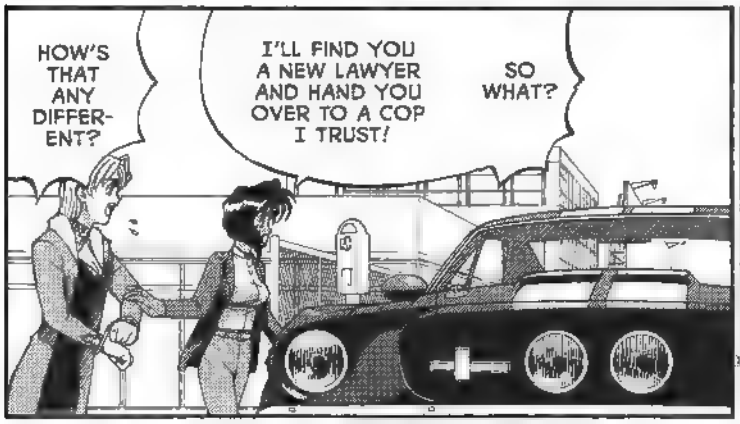
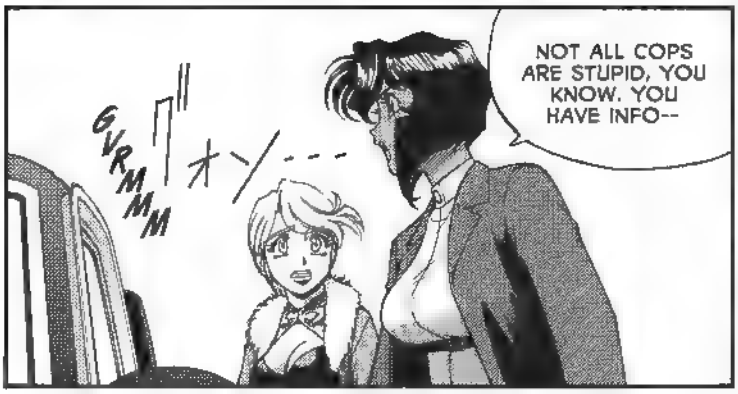
HUH?


WHAT DO YOU MEAN, *INNOCENT?*
WAIT! STOP! HOW COULD YOU TURN YOUR BACK ON A POOR INNOCENT WOMAN WHO WAS *FORCED* TO FLEE TO SAVE HER OWN LIFE?


HOW'S THAT ANY DIFFERENT?
I'LL FIND YOU A NEW LAWYER AND HAND YOU OVER TO A COP I TRUST!
SO WHAT?


NOT ALL COPS ARE STUPID, YOU KNOW. YOU HAVE INFO--
GVRMMM

!
VRRRM

YOU'RE A *HOOKER* FOUND TRANSPORTING *COCAINE* IN A *STOLEN* CAR!
I STOLE THE CAR TO GET AWAY. I DIDN'T KNOW THE COKE WAS IN THERE!

GMC
WOO--
--SH
!!
BRRMB
ボン

SWOOSH
THUD
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
CHK-
CHNG

キュルルル
SCREECH
ザザザッ
SKID
HOLY SH--!
THAT GUN...
RALLY! ARE YOU OKAY?!
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!!
ブオオオン
VROOM
ザザッ
SKID

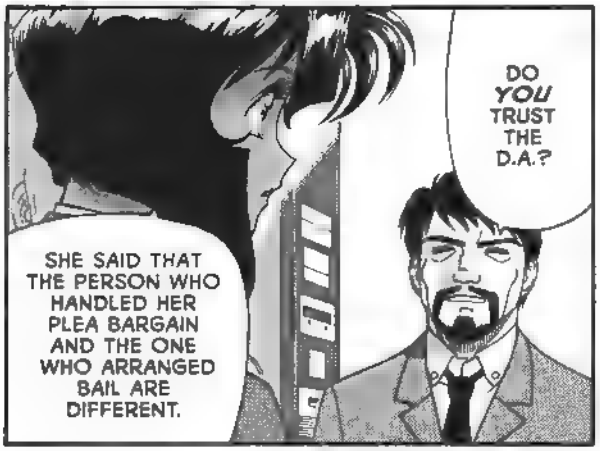
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
.....
GRACE! ARE YOU OKAY?!
IT'S TRUE
YOU'RE KIDDING!
RALLY KNEW IT THE SECOND SHE SAW THE BULLET HOLE IN THE GT500
THEY USED THE GUN THEY STOLE FROM YOUR ROOM?

IT'S USUALLY FIVE OR SIX, AND A COLT TWISTS TO THE LEFT.
AREN'T THEY ALL THE SAME?
FORTY-FIVE CALIBER, TEN GROOVES, RIGHT TWIST. IT COULD ONLY BE A RANDALL SERVICE MODEL.
BUT TELL ME...
THANK YOU. ♡
GULP
AND WE'LL PRO-TECT YOU.
WE BELIEVE YOU.
WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER NOW.
IT'S A SECRET. ♡
...WHAT DID YOU AGREE TO SAY?

EVEN THOUGH RALLY SAVED YOUR LIFE?
SOME THANKS...
WE'RE NOT FRIENDS, AND THERE'S NO BASIS FOR TRUST.
I USED TO THINK THAT WAY ABOUT THE COPS.
BUT NOW WORD HAS GOTTEN OUT, AND I CAN'T TRUST ANY-ONE.
WE'RE JUST TIED BY COMMON INTER-ESTS.
SHE'LL GET HER GUN BACK, AND TEN PERCENT OF MY BAIL WHEN SHE TURNS ME IN.
...AND NOW SHE'S BECOME A TARGET?
SO YOU'RE SAYING SOMEONE LEAKED WORD OF HER DEAL...
LICE HEADQUARTERS
SENATOR WILLIAM HOLTZ.
CLUNK
WHO'S SHE TESTIFYING AGAINST?
IF IT'S THAT BIG A CASE, SHE CAN GET WITNESS PROTECTION.

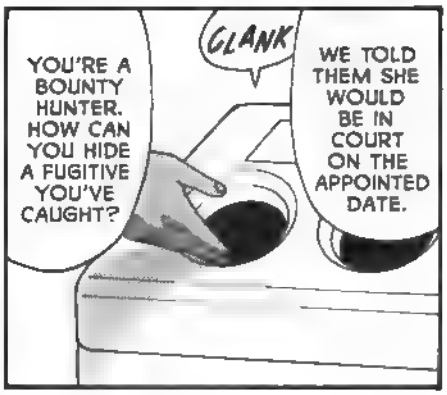
SHE DOESN'T TRUST THE D.A.'S OFFICE NOW THAT WORD OF HER TESTIMONY HAS LEAKED.
I'M NOT SURE.
WHAT DOES SHE KNOW?
VOLT COLA
CALORY OFF

THE BRIBERY CASE?


DO YOU TRUST THE D.A.?
SHE SAID THAT THE PERSON WHO HANDLED HER PLEA BARGAIN AND THE ONE WHO ARRANGED BAIL ARE DIFFERENT.

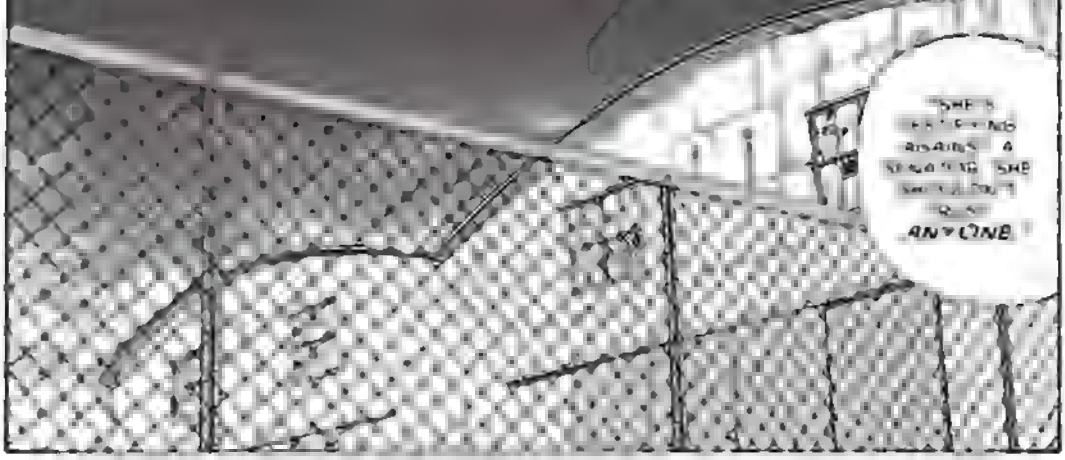
I MADE HER CONTACT THE PROSE-CUTOR, BUT...
...SHE HAS NO PLAN TO GO INTO WITNESS PROTEC-TION.

I SHOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT THIS UP HERE. FORGET I EVEN SAID ANYTHING.
CAN YOU FIX A HANDOFF TO THE FBI?


CLANK
WE TOLD THEM SHE WOULD BE IN COURT ON THE APPOINTED DATE.
YOU'RE A BOUNTY HUNTER. HOW CAN YOU HIDE A FUGITIVE YOU'VE CAUGHT?

OKAY, THEN...
I'M JUST AN ORDINARY CITIZEN. IF I WENT TO THEM DIRECTLY, IT MIGHT CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR YOU.
THE FBI? THIS IS A CASE FOR THE D.A.'S OFFICE.
CLANK
GONE?
BTAM
YES! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO LOOK AT THE VIDEO.
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS. SHE WAS IN THE LIVING ROOM THE WHOLE TIME?
MINNIE-MAY. WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
UH OH.
SHE FLED WHEN I WAS IN THE BATH-ROOM!

OF COURSE. THE CAMERA IS IN THE TV.
WHAT!! YOU HAVE A HIDDEN CAMERA?!
HERE WE GO.
CLICK WHIRR
THERE SHE IS. SHE'S ON THE PHONE.
TURN UP THE VOLUME.
IT'S ALWAYS ON WHEN THERE'S SOMEONE WE DON'T TRUST IN THE HOUSE.
I GUESS WE FORGOT TO TELL YOU, BECKY.
UNDERSTOOD. THE EMPTY WAREHOUSE AT 21 ROSE STREET. I'LL KEEP A LOW PROFILE.
SHE'S GOING TO MEET SOMEONE.
SHE WON'T TRUST THE POLICE, BUT SHE'LL TRUST THE MAN WHO CUT HER A DEAL.
THE D.A.?
WAS THAT THING TAPING ME AS WELL?
YOU GUARANTEE MY SAFETY, RIGHT?

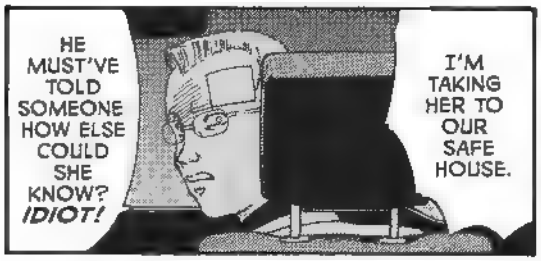

ANYONE

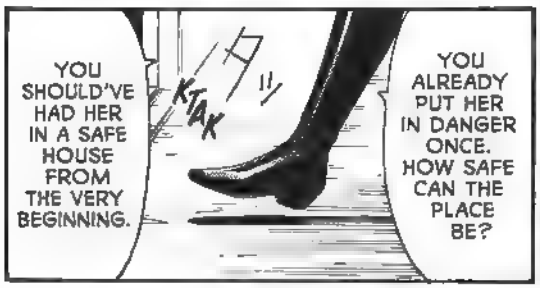
ASSIS
TAN

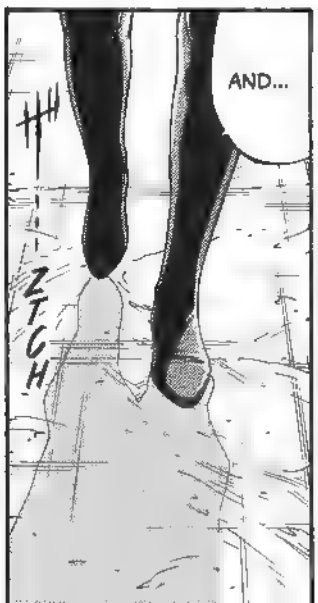
YOU HAVE REALIZED THE WHOLE MAT...
!!!
HERE
I'D LIKE TO TALK TO HIM RIGHT NOW
YOU'RE RIGHT
WE SHOULD GET THIS SOMEWHERE SAFE
YOU CAN TALK TO HIM LATER
SWISH
GET IN
!

THERE'S NO WORK FOR YOU HERE. GET LOST.
LOOKIE HERE. IF IT AIN'T THE FAMOUS BOUNTY HUNTER.
RALLY.

GRACE! I WOULDN'T RECOM-MEND IT.
YOU STILL HAVE A BETTER CHOICE.
ZASH


HE MUST'VE TOLD SOMEONE HOW ELSE COULD SHE KNOW? IDIOT!
I'M TAKING HER TO OUR SAFE HOUSE.


YOU SHOULD'VE HAD HER IN A SAFE HOUSE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
KTAK
YOU ALREADY PUT HER IN DANGER ONCE. HOW SAFE CAN THE PLACE BE?


AND...
ZTCH

MY NET-WORK'S BETTER THAN YOU THINK.
I TALKED WITH D.A. PECK ON THE PHONE

WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW?

THOSE BOUNTY HUNTERS NEVER MISS ANYTHING
WHAT?!
I NOTICED THE TWO MEN IN THAT CAR ARE THE ONES WHO ATTACKED US.
FWA
I WONDER WHAT "DANGER" AWAITS.
I'M TAKING HER TO THE SAFE HOUSE.
AH!
FLUMP
GRAB
KYA!
BUMP
BAM
KILL THEM!

!
SCREECH
FWOOSH
BLAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BULLET PROOF
CLINK

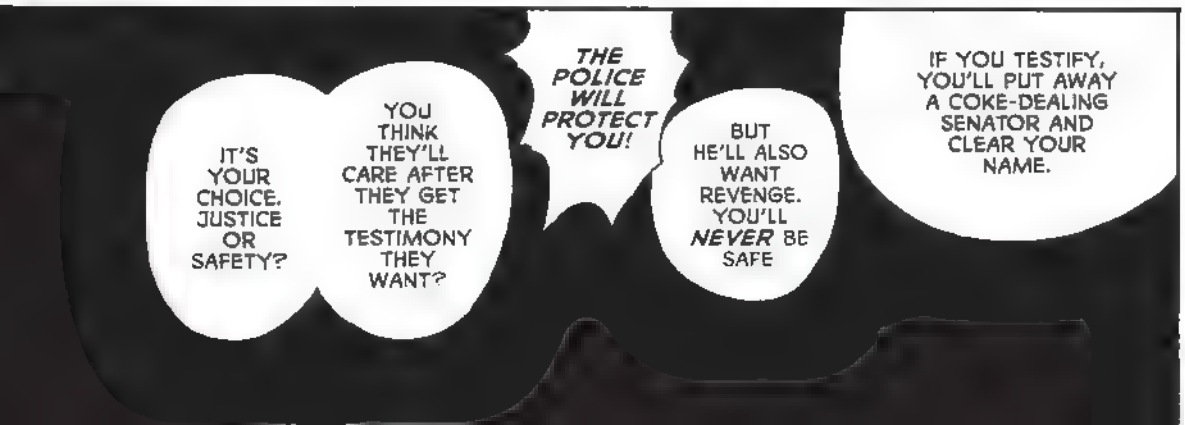
THUM!
THUM!
WHAT THE--?!
DAMN!
SCREECH
SKID
GRE-NADES! SHE HAS BACK-UP!
BABOOM
BAIL OUT!
PAINT BOMBS! THE WIPERS DON'T WORK!
SMOKE!
SHHHHH
!!
BANG
NO. IT'S DUST. LIKE FINE SAND.

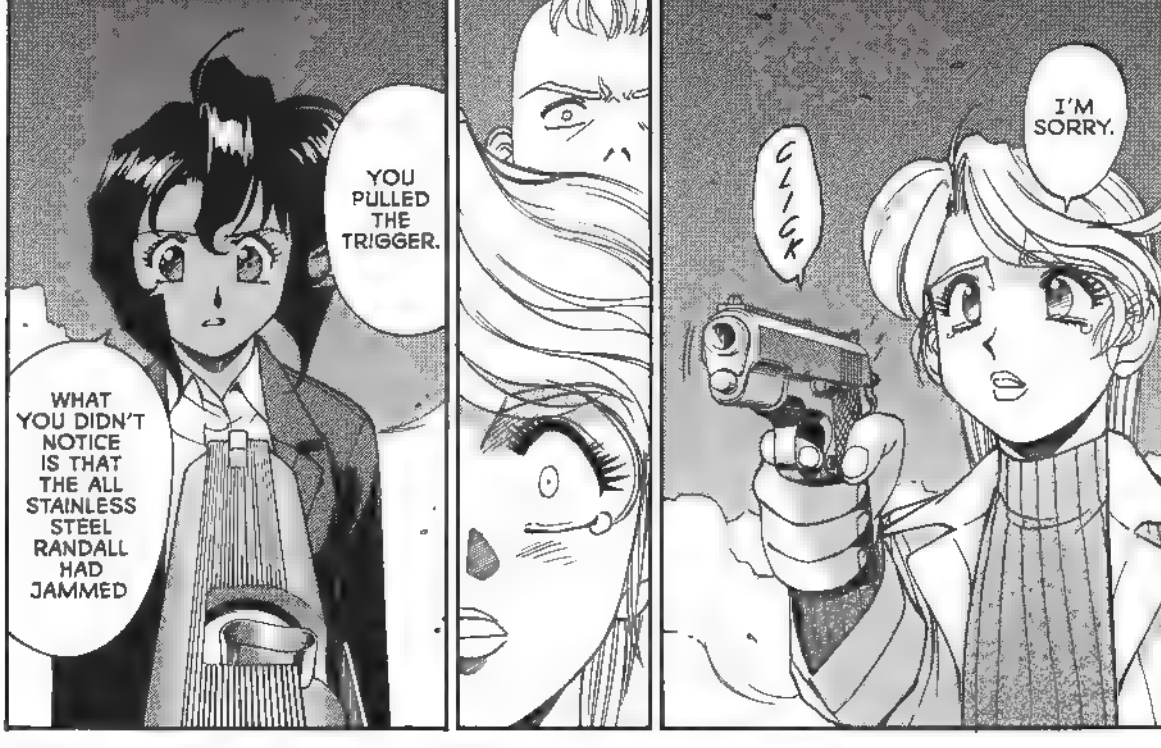
カーン
BAM
カーン
BAM
カーン
BLAM
BLAM
カーン!!
DAMMIT!
カーラーラー!!
GARA GARA
カーン!!
BANG
I KNEW IT!

GRACE.

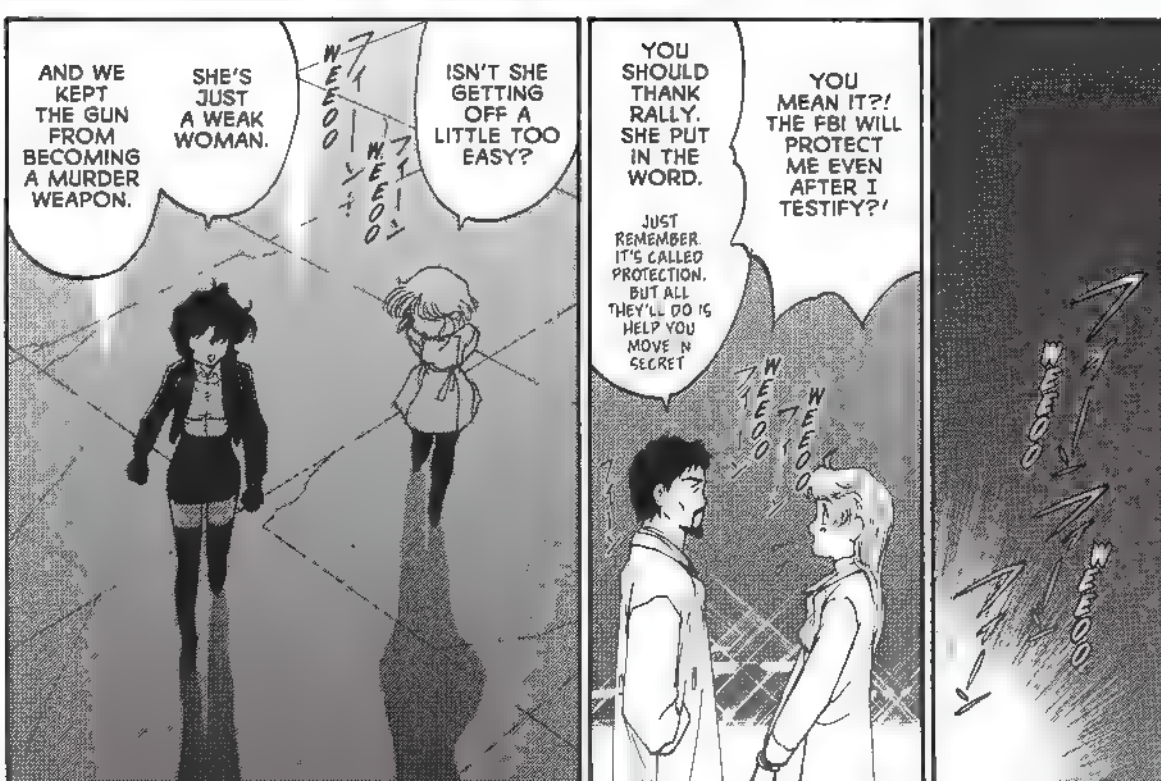
YOU'RE NOT MAN ENOUGH TO DO IT YOURSELF.
BAS-TARD!
GRACE! HE'S ONLY SAYING THAT TO HELP HIMSELF.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERY-THING. YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO ANSWER FOR IT.
YES. THAT'S RIGHT. PRO-TECT ME.

GRACE! HE'LL KILL YOU!!
I'M OFFERING YOU A HUNDRED GRAND AND THE CHANCE TO ESCAPE OVERSEAS.
IF I GO DOWN, PLENTY OF MEN IN THE ORGANIZA-TION WILL COME LOOKING FOR YOU.


IT'S YOUR CHOICE. JUSTICE OR SAFETY?
YOU THINK THEY'LL CARE AFTER THEY GET THE TESTIMONY THEY WANT?
THE POLICE WILL PROTECT YOU!
BUT HE'LL ALSO WANT REVENGE. YOU'LL NEVER BE SAFE
IF YOU TESTIFY, YOU'LL PUT AWAY A COKE-DEALING SENATOR AND CLEAR YOUR NAME.


I'M SORRY.
CLICK
YOU PULLED THE TRIGGER.
WHAT YOU DIDN'T NOTICE IS THAT THE ALL STAINLESS STEEL RANDALL HAD JAMMED

I KNEW THEY'D BRING THE GUN SO WE CHOSE SMOKE THAT WOULD MAKE STAINLESS STEEL STICK AND JAM THE ACTION.
I HOPED YOU WOULDN'T TEST MY THEORY.
ROY AND THE COPS ARE HERE.
WEEOO WEEOO


YOU MEAN IT?! THE FBI WILL PROTECT ME EVEN AFTER I TESTIFY?!
YOU SHOULD THANK RALLY. SHE PUT IN THE WORD.
JUST REMEMBER. IT'S CALLED PROTECTION. BUT ALL THEY'LL DO IS HELP YOU MOVE IN SECRET
WEEOO
WEEOO
ISN'T SHE GETTING OFF A LITTLE TOO EASY?
SHE'S JUST A WEAK WOMAN.
AND WE KEPT THE GUN FROM BECOMING A MURDER WEAPON.

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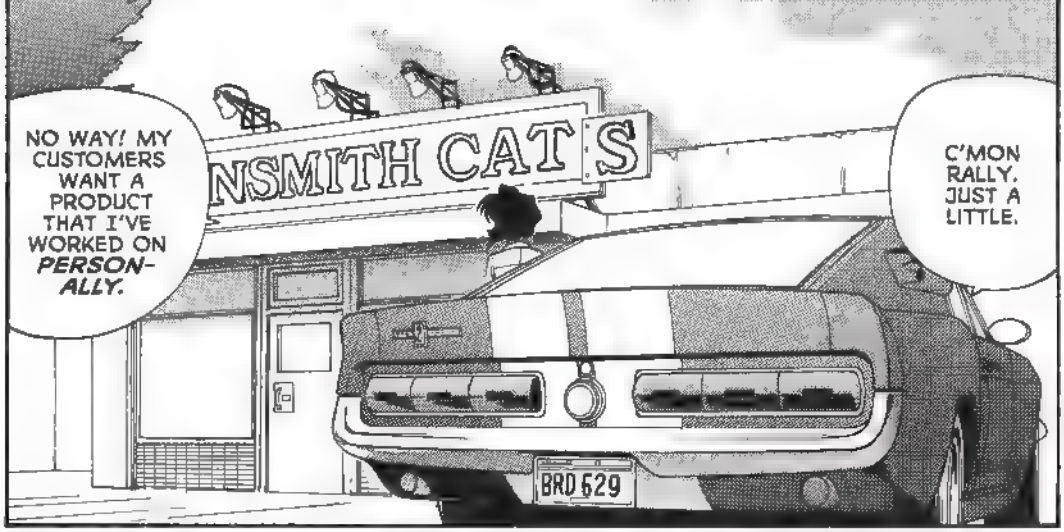
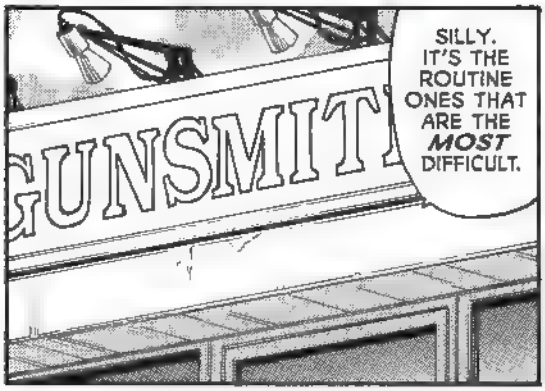
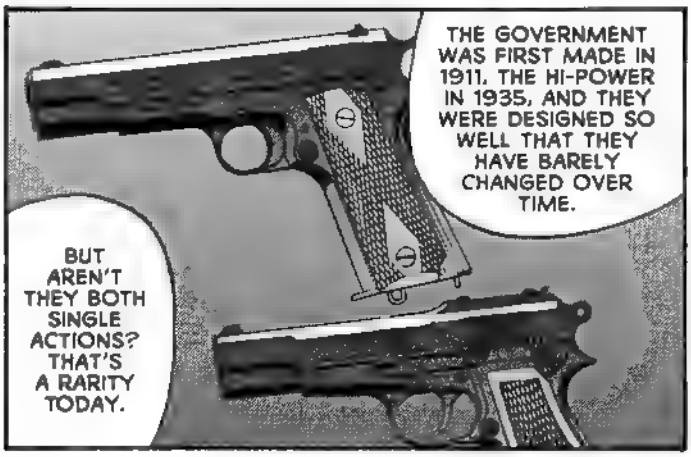
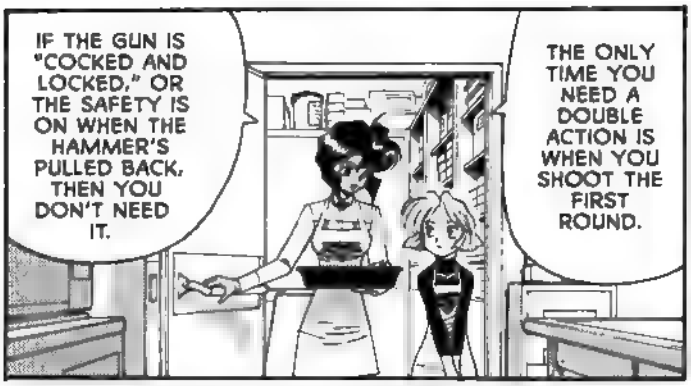




#2 GUNSMITH CATS MINI THEATER

HI-POWER "HP"
THE *BROWNING* RANKS ONLY AFTER THE *COLT 45 GOVERNMENT* AND THE AUTO. THERE'S A LOT YOU CAN APPLY TO THE CUSTOMIZATION OF OTHER GUNS.
TELL YOU WHAT. I'LL LET YOU OBSERVE ME AS I WORK SO YOU CAN LEARN.

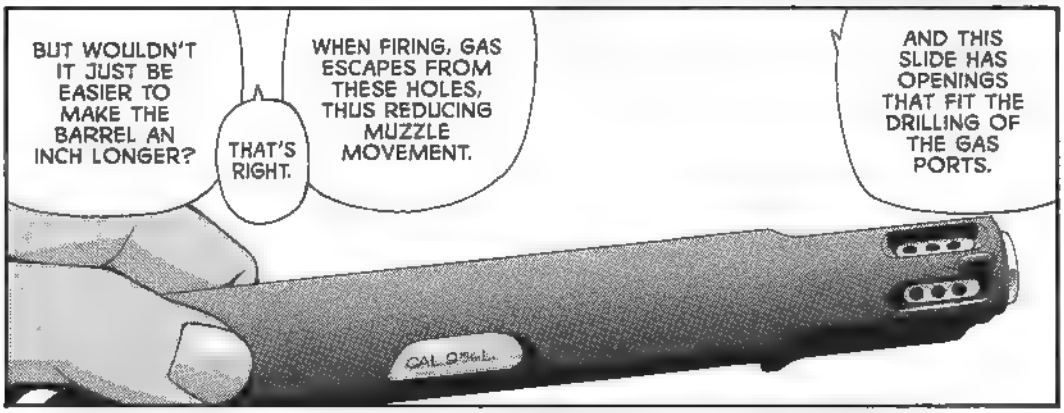

THE GOVERNMENT WAS FIRST MADE IN 1911. THE HI-POWER IN 1935, AND THEY WERE DESIGNED SO WELL THAT THEY HAVE BARELY CHANGED OVER TIME.
BUT AREN'T THEY BOTH SINGLE ACTIONS? THAT'S A RARITY TODAY.

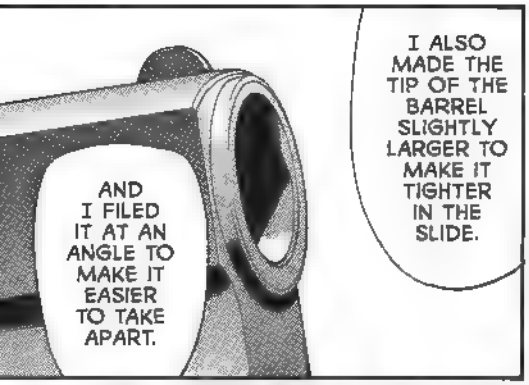

IF THE GUN IS "COCKED AND LOCKED," OR THE SAFETY IS ON WHEN THE HAMMER'S PULLED BACK, THEN YOU DON'T NEED IT.
THE ONLY TIME YOU NEED A DOUBLE ACTION IS WHEN YOU SHOOT THE FIRST ROUND.

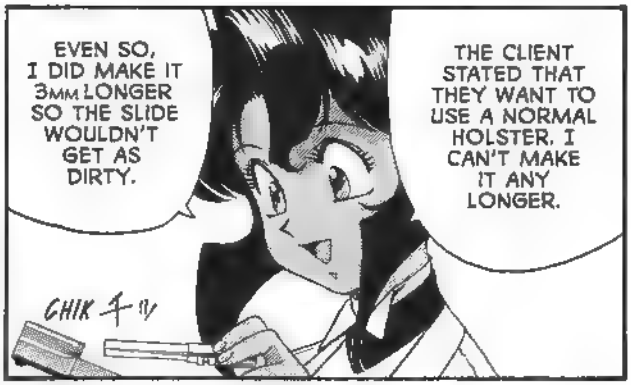
*THE SPIRALS IN THE BARREL THAT MAKE THE BULLET SPIN

THAT'S WHY YOU HAD THE BARREL EXPERT MAKE IT.
SO YOU WANTED TO CUT THE RIFLING SO IT WOULDN'T INTERFERE.
THE ORIGINAL RIFLING WOULD HAVE GOTTEN IN THE WAY.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST OPENING HOLES FOR THE COMPENSATOR*.

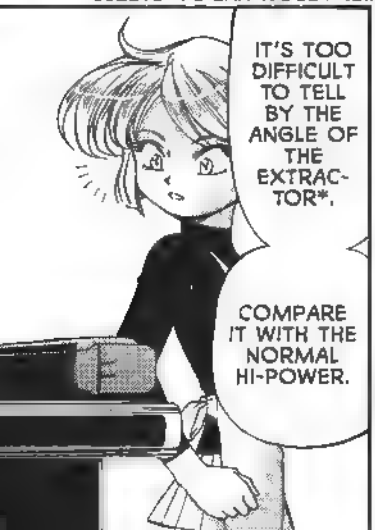
*REDIRECTS PROPELLANT GASES TO LESSEN RECOIL


BUT WOULDN'T IT JUST BE EASIER TO MAKE THE BARREL AN INCH LONGER?
THAT'S RIGHT.
WHEN FIRING, GAS ESCAPES FROM THESE HOLES, THUS REDUCING MUZZLE MOVEMENT.
AND THIS SLIDE HAS OPENINGS THAT FIT THE DRILLING OF THE GAS PORTS.

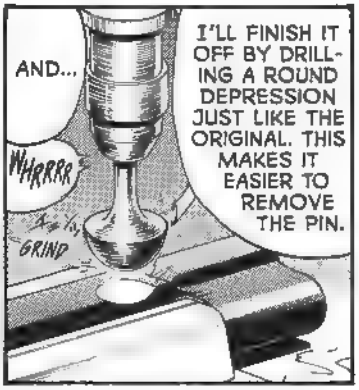

AND I FILED IT AT AN ANGLE TO MAKE IT EASIER TO TAKE APART.
I ALSO MADE THE TIP OF THE BARREL SLIGHTLY LARGER TO MAKE IT TIGHTER IN THE SLIDE.


EVEN SO, I DID MAKE IT 3MM LONGER SO THE SLIDE WOULDN'T GET AS DIRTY.
THE CLIENT STATED THAT THEY WANT TO USE A NORMAL HOLSTER. I CAN'T MAKE IT ANY LONGER.
CHIK

*EJECTS THE CARTRIDGE FROM THE CHAMBER

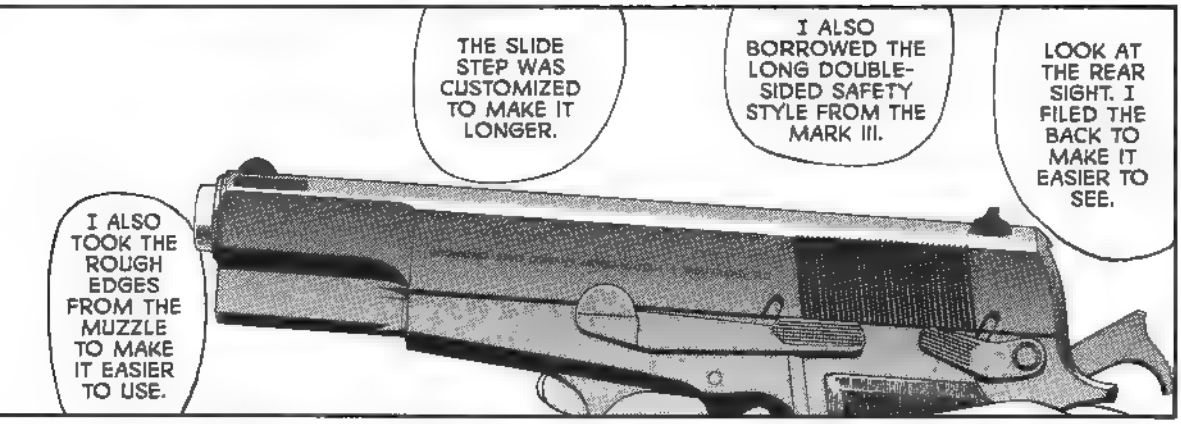


SOMETIMES YOU WANT TO CHECK TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY AMMO IN THE CHAMBER BY SLIGHTLY PULLING BACK THE SLIDE.
ARE YOU FILING THE EJECTION PORT, TOO?
WHRR


AND...
I'LL FINISH IT OFF BY DRILLING A ROUND DEPRESSION JUST LIKE THE ORIGINAL. THIS MAKES IT EASIER TO REMOVE THE PIN.
WHRRRR
GRIND

OK!
WHY DON'T YOU HELP BY FINISHING IT WITH THIS ULTRA-FINE FILE AND WATER PAPER?
SEE HOW IT ISN'T OBSTRUCTED BY THE EDGE?
OH MY!
GRIND
HERE GOES.
GRIND!
WE'LL WANT TO BEVEL THE MAGWELL* AND TRIGGER GUARD.
GRIND
*THE DEPRESSION IN THE CL P
DON'T JUST STAND THERE GAWKING. GET TO WORK!
HEE HEE!
GRIND
TEE HEE!
GRIND
GRIND
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

THERE'S VERY LITTLE RECOIL.
THE MUZZLE BRAKE WORKS GREAT
DID YOU NARROW THE GRIP, TOO?
I LOVE IT.
I MADE THE WOOD PANEL AS THIN AS ON THE CZ.
...THE MAGAZINE SLIDES IN EASILY.
SINCE THE MAGWELL IS FILED...


THE SLIDE STEP WAS CUSTOMIZED TO MAKE IT LONGER.
I ALSO BORROWED THE LONG DOUBLE-SIDED SAFETY STYLE FROM THE MARK III.
LOOK AT THE REAR SIGHT. I FILED THE BACK TO MAKE IT EASIER TO SEE.
I ALSO TOOK THE ROUGH EDGES FROM THE MUZZLE TO MAKE IT EASIER TO USE.

NOW, ABOUT THE BILL...
THANK YOU!
NO ONE COULD HAVE DONE A BETTER JOB.
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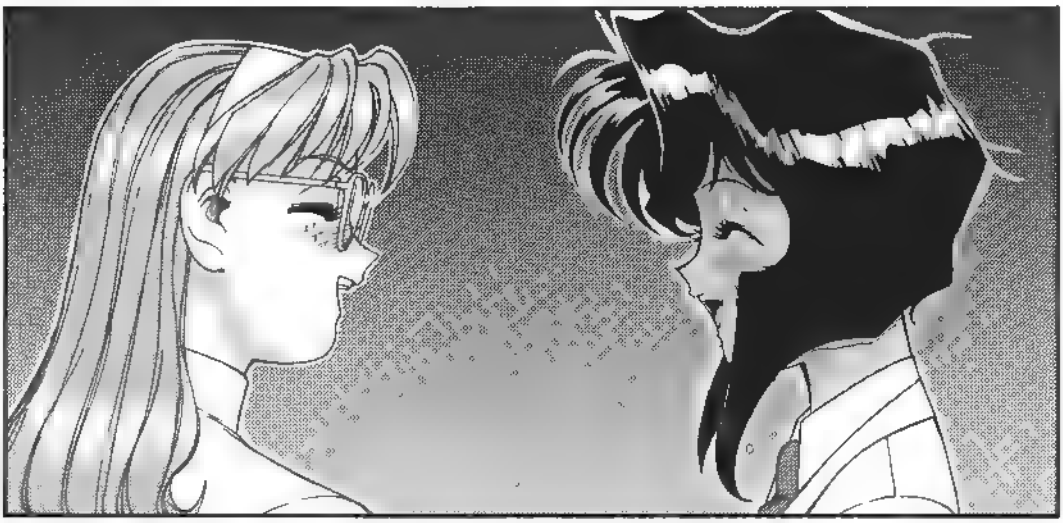
SHOVE
I LOVE IT. YOU EVEN SMOOTHED ALL THE MOVING PARTS.



MAY'S GUN REPORT

	CUSTOM (RALLY SPECIAL)	FN BROWNING HI-POWER (TYPE 1913)
LENGTH	19.8 cm	20.1 cm
HEIGHT	13.0 cm	13.0 cm
WIDTH	3.5 cm	3.3 cm
WEIGHT	904 g	902 g
BARREL LENGTH	12.0 cm	12.3 cm
CALIBER	9×19	9×19
CAPACITY	13+1	13+1
TRIGGER PULL	3.7 kg	2.0 kg
SAFETY	MAGAZINE MANUAL	MAGAZINE MANUAL
RIFLING	RIGHT 6 GROOVES 1 TURN	RIGHT 6 GROOVES 1 TURN
SLIDE PULL	10-15 POUNDS	10-15 POUNDS

#2/END

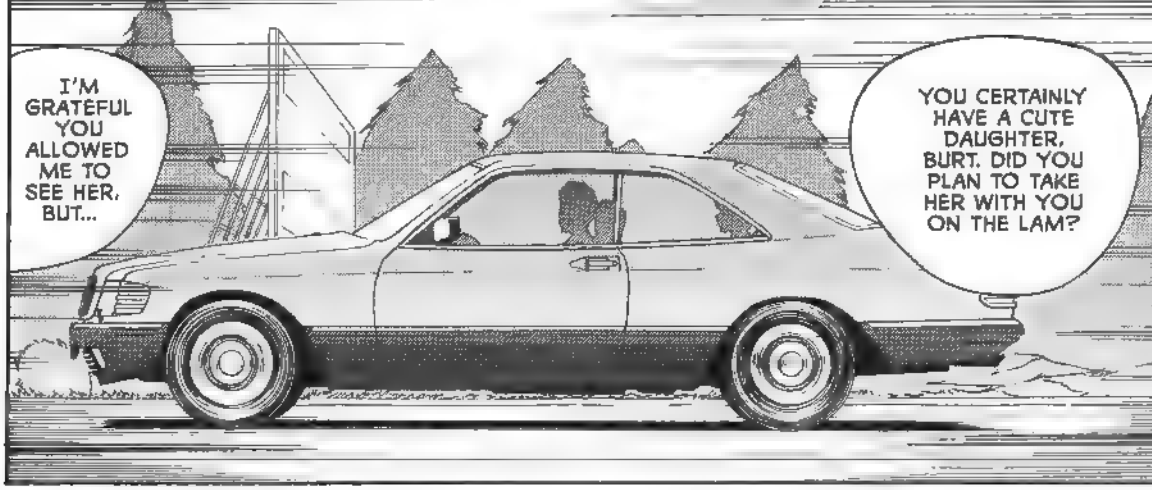
#3
HIDDEN GUN

PUSH
I HAVE TO GO NOW.
I'M GLAD I COULD SEE YOU.
TAKE CARE.
SQUEEZE

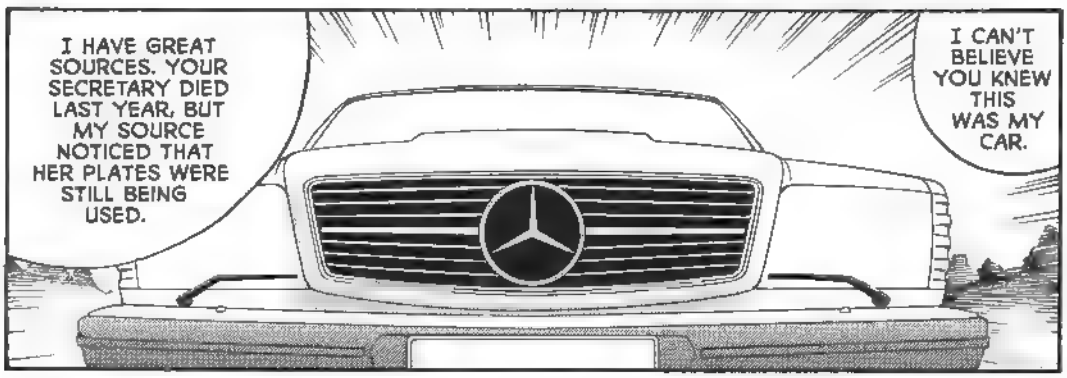
3104

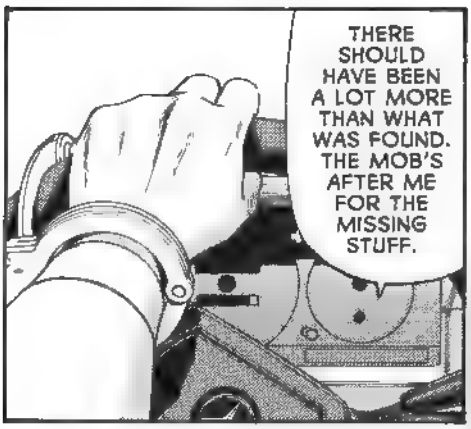
YEAH.
WAS THAT A GOOD ENOUGH "GOODBYE" TIME WITH YOUR DAUGHTER?

ブオオオ…
VROOM
LET'S GO.
OK THEN.
チャラッ
CHINK


I'M GRATEFUL YOU ALLOWED ME TO SEE HER. BUT...
YOU CERTAINLY HAVE A CUTE DAUGHTER, BURT. DID YOU PLAN TO TAKE HER WITH YOU ON THE LAM?

THAT'S GOOD SENSE. TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T SHOW SOME AS A MOB DRUG MULE.
SHE'LL HAVE A BETTER LIFE WITH MY EX.
...I DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE HER A FUGITIVE LIKE ME.


I HAVE GREAT SOURCES. YOUR SECRETARY DIED LAST YEAR, BUT MY SOURCE NOTICED THAT HER PLATES WERE STILL BEING USED.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU KNEW THIS WAS MY CAR.


THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN A LOT MORE THAN WHAT WAS FOUND. THE MOB'S AFTER ME FOR THE MISSING STUFF.

I'M SURE YOUR SENTENCE WOULD HAVE BEEN LIGHT.
THEY DIDN'T FIND A LARGE AMOUNT OF DRUGS WHEN THEY ARRESTED YOU.
WHY DID YOU RUN?

EVEN NOW--
I WON'T BE SAFE IN PRISON OR AT HOME.
!
ハリンヤ!!
SKRASH
キ=!!
SCREECH

BANG
SKID
SCRATCH
SCREECH
SCREECH
SCREECH
SLIDE
CRUNCH
HEY! WAIT!
CHING
I'M GETTING OUT. FREE YOURSELF.

ばっ
BAP
しゅっ
ZWISH
ZTCH!!
ビュッ!!
CLICK
WOOSH!!
!

BLAM BLAM
ドン ドン ドン!
BANG
!!
TNUD
RAT TAT TAT
AAHHH!!
PUT YOUR GUN ON THE TRUNK!

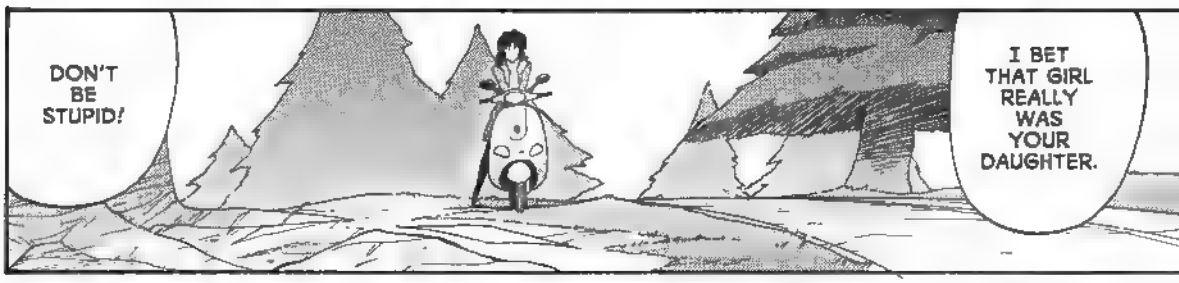
IT'S ME! BURT! DON'T SHOOT!
I WAS CAUGHT BY THE BOUNTY HUNTER, BUT I TOOK HER GUN!
NO WAY !!
I DON'T HAVE A DAUGHTER.
BUT MY GUN DEALER USES SOME UNIQUE WAYS TO PASS GUNS ON THE SLY.
HOW? I KNOW I FRISKED YOU.
CLICK

.....
.....
BANG
WE CAN ALL ESCAPE TO-GETHER.
THE FAMILY STILL DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE CAR. ALL THE DRUGS I STOLE ARE STILL IN THERE!
YOU CAN TRUST ME! THE DRUGS ARE HIDDEN IN THE CHASSIS! I WAS ON MY WAY TO SPLIT IT WITH YOU WHEN SHE CAUGHT ME!

LICK
SSHHH
HEY! IT'S SPILLING!
I'M SURE YOU PLACED IT IN SMALL BAGS.
HE AIN'T LYIN'!
GOOD. IT'S REALLY COKE. SORRY ABOUT THE TROUBLE.
BUT THE SPLIT COMES FROM YOUR SHARE FOR GETTING CAUGHT.
FINE.
LATER.
NOW THAT WE HAVE THE GOODS, WE DON'T NEED YOU.
CHA-CHIK

!
THUMP
POP
POP
POP
POP
POP
W-WAIT!
UH--
POW
OW!
SNAP
PLEASE.
KLAK
I-I'LL GO QUIETLY. LOOK. I THREW AWAY MY GUN.

TELL ME, BURT...
WHAT? JUST WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THUD
SLAM
SHIT! IT'S BURNING! WHAT DID YOU DO?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
JUST SHUT UP AND GET IN THE CAR.
BOOM
ゴオオオ…
CRACKLE


DON'T BE STUPID!
I BET THAT GIRL REALLY WAS YOUR DAUGHTER.

I CERTAINLY HOPE NOT.
CHOKE.
VROOM

#3/END

RALLY VINCENT AND MINNIE MAY

GUNSMITH CATS

BURST

Rally and Minnie-May are two teen girls running a weapons shop in Chicago . . . but they have a side business as bounty hunters! Though their main task is to hunt down runaway criminals with bounties on their heads, they somehow always end up undertaking risky jobs and getting themselves into major messes!

SONODA SPECIAL

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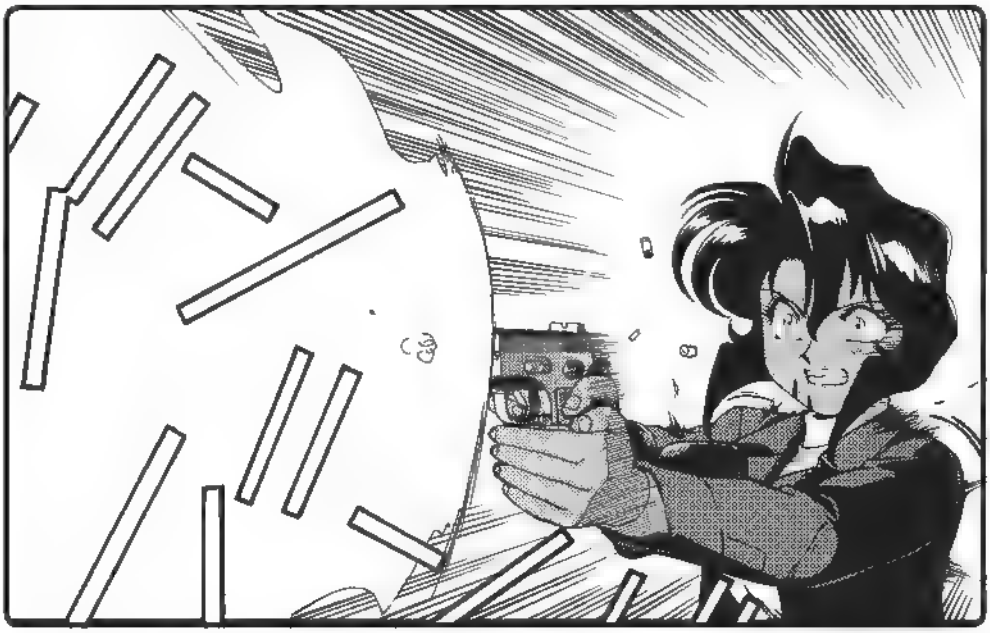
BULLET TRIVIA—FIRST SHOT— 9 MM PARABELLUM

Rally's CZ75 uses 9 mm parabellum ammo (manufactured by the German DWM. The name is derived from Latin. If you seek peace, prepare for war), the most trusted ammo in the world. It is also known as 9 mm luger (after Georg Luger, a DWM designer), or 9x19 (for the length of the casing).

The 8 gram bullet leaves the gun at faster than mach 1 (just under 500 joules of energy). It is compact yet powerful, making it good when taking multiple shots and an extremely useful ammo.

Yet, since it exceeds the speed of sound, care must be taken to decrease the amount of powder when using a silencer, thus negating the meaning of using this particular type of ammo.



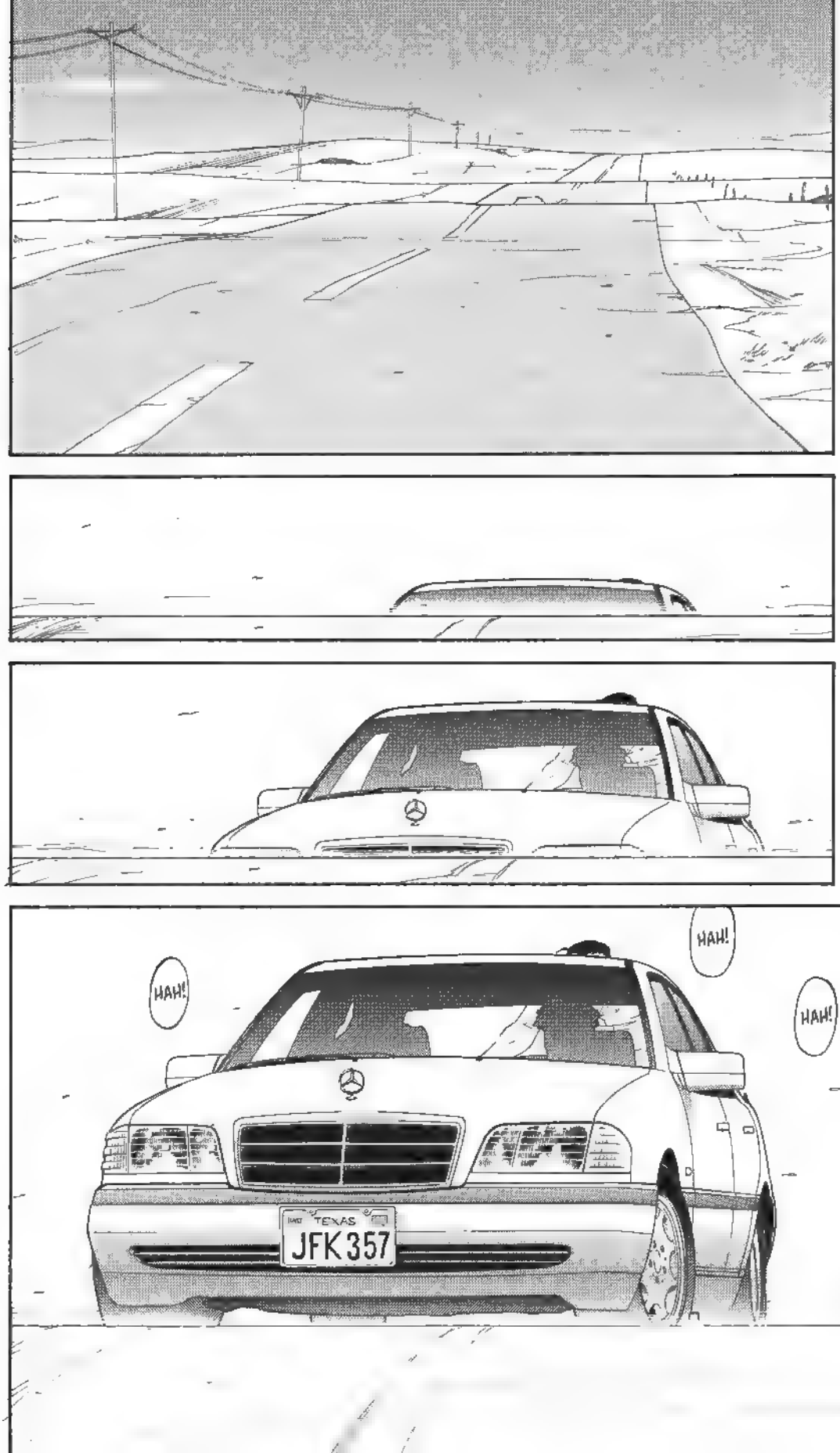
Gunsmith Ca
BURST
Gunsmith Cats
VROOM

VROOM

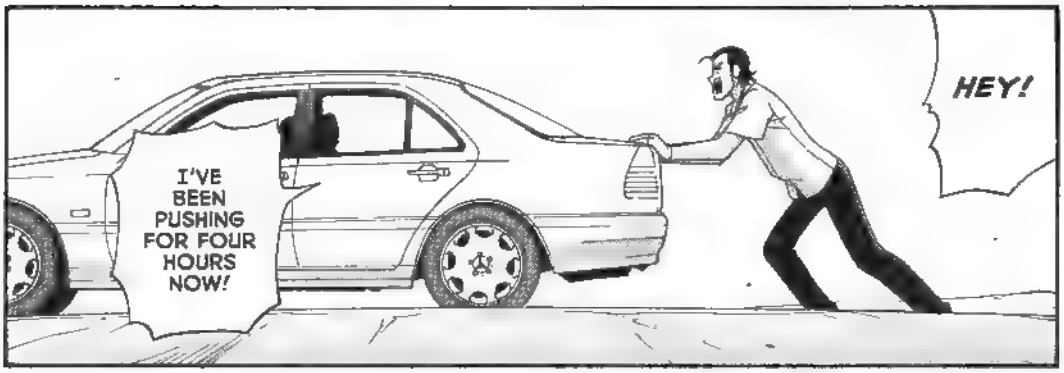
RALLY'S GT500 SHELBY...
WHAT THE --?
...HAS BEEN STOLEN !!

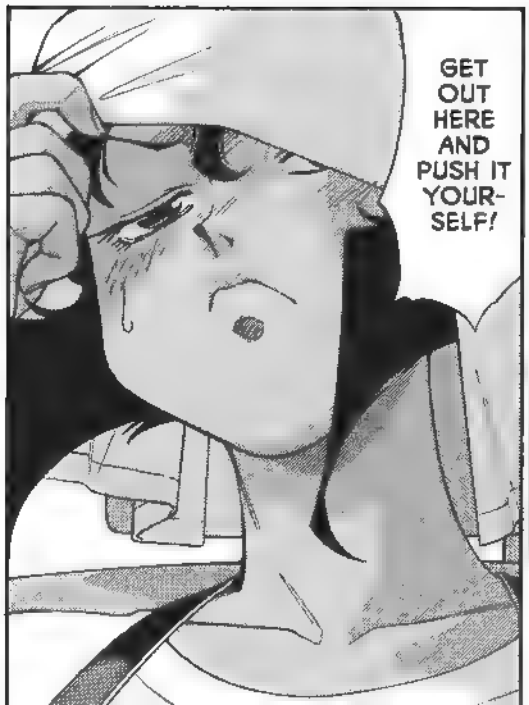
THE SEN-SOR'S OFF.
LOOKS LIKE THEY KNEW WHAT SYSTEM WE HAVE.
NO WAY!
BUT THE ALARM SYSTEM...
GUN SMITH CATS
BUT WHY NOW?
THEY WERE PROS.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS HAPPENED WHEN RALLY ISN'T HERE.
MISTY!
YOU CALL THE POLICE AND RALLY.
I'LL CHECK THE SECURITY VIDEO.
OKAY!
GUN SMITH CATS

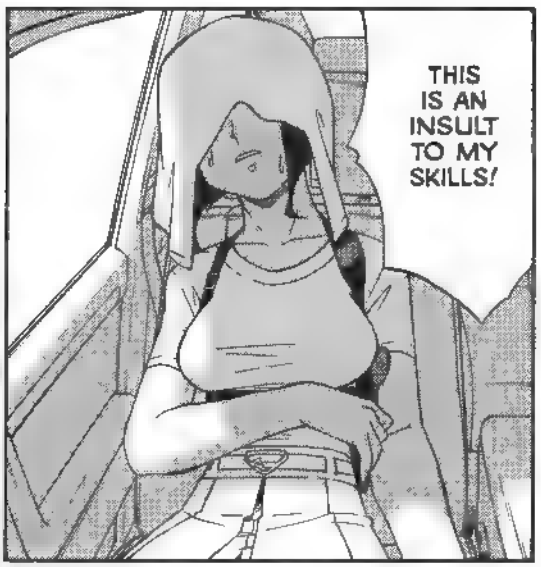
SHE'S OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE IN TEXAS.
THEY'RE WEARING MASKS, AND THERE'RE NO MARKINGS ON THEIR CLOTHES.
THIS IS NO HELP.
WE SHOULD ASK RALLY FIRST.
IT MIGHT BE EXPEN-SIVE, THOUGH.
MAYBE WE SHOULD DUB THE TAPE AND GIVE IT TO BECKY FOR ANALYSIS.
GUN SMITH CATS
CLOSED
MIN-NIE-MAY?
I'M SURE EVERYTHING'S OKAY. SHE MUST STILL BE OUT OF SERVICE RANGE.
IT'S BEEN ELEVEN HOURS SINCE SHE REPORTED TO SAY THAT SHE WAS MOV-ING IN ON HER TARGET.
RALLY'S CELL PHONE HAS BEEN OUT OF RANGE SINCE LAST NIGHT.


HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
TEXAS
JFK 357

HAH!
HAH!
HAH!


I'VE BEEN PUSHING FOR FOUR HOURS NOW!
HEY!


GET OUT HERE AND PUSH IT YOUR-SELF!


THIS IS AN INSULT TO MY SKILLS!

IT'S *YOUR* FAULT WE RAN OUT OF GAS!
TWICE! FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES!
SHUT UP! I DID MY PART!
AND CONSIDERING MY SMALL ARMS, I THINK I DID A GREAT JOB!
DON'T FORGET. I'M YOUR BOSS!
YOU *THREAT-ENING* ME ?!
I CAN'T *GUARANTEE* YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO HAND HIM OVER AND GET PAID FOR THE JOB!
IF YOU'D FILLED UP THE TANK, I WOULD'VE ADDED THE GUARANTEE FOR FREE.
GULP
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU HAVE THE MONEY TO *PAY* ME RIGHT NOW!!

I WOULD IF THERE *WERE* ANY CARS.
WHY DON'T YOU USE THAT CHARM OF YOURS TO STOP A PASSING CAR?
EITHER YOU PUSH OR DO SOMETHING TO GET US SOME GAS!
THAT'S IT!
WHAM!
SO IF YOU KNEW YOU WERE HEADED TO THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, WHY DIDN'T YOU BUY AN EXTRA TANK FOR EMERGENCIES?
KATZ
THE SUN'S BEEN UP FOR THREE HOURS AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN A SINGLE SOUL.
IT'S JUST COINCIDENCE THAT OUR ASSIGNMENTS HAD US WORKING AGAINST EACH OTHER. THERE'S NO REASON TO FIGHT.
STOP!
I'LL EVEN PUT UP WITH THAT NO GOOD CRIMINAL WHO CAN'T HELP BECAUSE OF HIS INJURED LEG.
WELL, EX-CUSE ME!
FINE! I'LL PUSH. YOU REST.
NO FOOD, NO WATER, NO BATTERY LEFT IN THE CAR. I'M SURE I'LL ENJOY IT.

BLAME YOUR CLIENTS INFIGHTING IF ANY-THING.
IT'S NOT MY FAULT THAT YOUR CAR WAS STOLEN.
I ONLY SHOT AT YOUR CLIENTS IN SELF-DEFENSE.
•TANKS CO.

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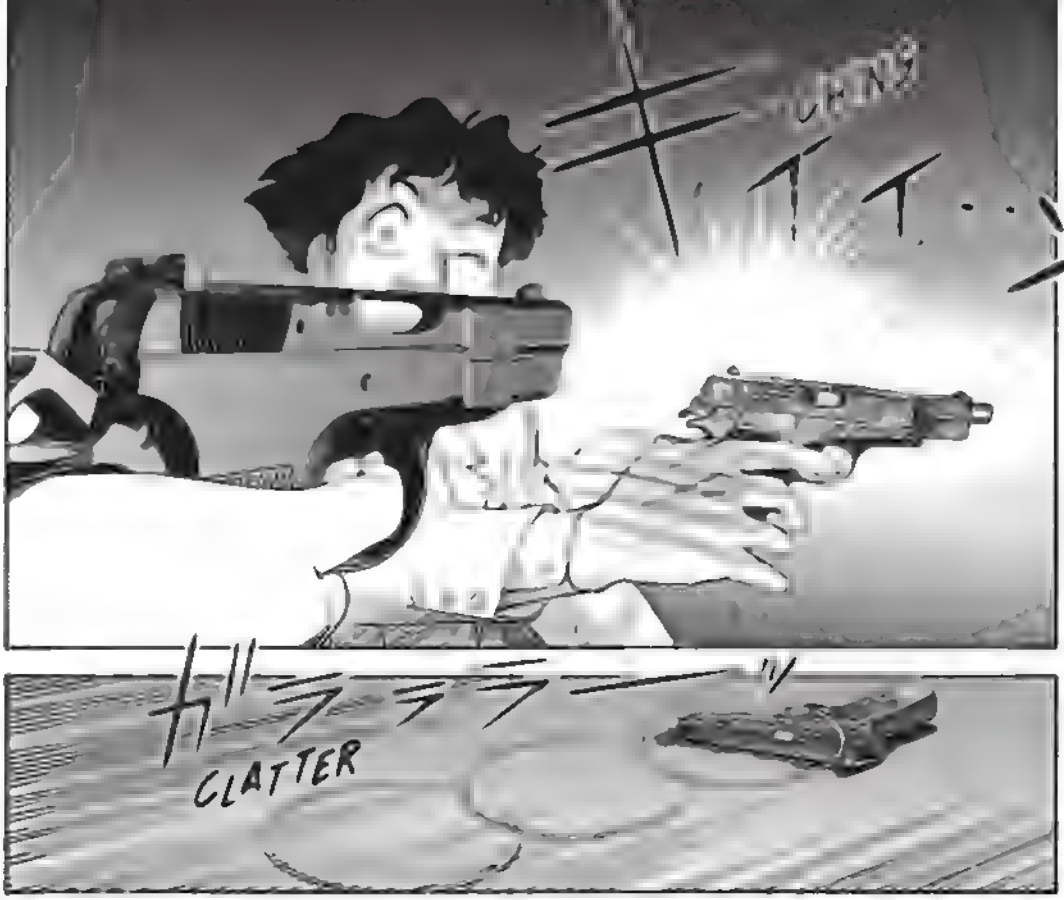
WHO?


CLATTER

I'M RALLY VINCENT...
...THE BOUNTY HUNTER

DON'T RESIST
OW! WHAT THE ?!

NOW IF YOU COULD JUST OPEN THAT CRATE FOR ME I'D APPREC- ATE IT.
LET'S JUST SAY QUALITY INFORMATION AND THE SKILL TO USE IT
NOT EVEN THE POLICE OR MY BOSS KNOW ABOUT THIS PLACE
HOW'D YOU KNOW I WAS HERE?
THAT WOULD BE COR RECT.
CLINK
YOU KNOW EVERY- THING.
I WOULD SAY THAT THE AMOUNT THE IRS TOOK FOR BACK TAXES WAS FAR TOO LOW
CLANK
AND KNOWING THE BUSINESS YOUR BOSS IS IN..
ESPE CIALLY SINCE YOU'RE DEALING DRUGS WITH THE MOB
NOW OPEN THE CRATE AND STEP ASIDE
THEN YOU MUST HAVE ENOUGH CASH TO COVER IT.
IT WAS LOW ENOUGH TO PAY THE AMOUNT PLUS INTEREST. ALL AT ONCE

TANKS
NO ! I WANT TO GET INSIDE
BRRM
TANKS
LOOK ! THERE'S HOWARD'S CAR
VINCENT MAY HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN HOWARD'S MONEY
BRMM
ROAD BUSTER BLOCKS THE GATE AND WAIT FOR US TO RETURN

ONCE YOU'VE SEEN THE MONEY WITH VINCENT AND HOWARD...

OPEN THE SUITCASE SLOWLY.
MY INFORMANT CERTAINLY DID.
I BET YOU KNEW THAT I'D COME FOR THE MONEY THE SECOND I WAS OUT ON BAIL.
THUD

CLICK
SWISH

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE! BOTH OF YOU!
THE BEST BOUNTY HUNTER IN CHICAGO DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE THAT WE WERE TAILING HER.
HOWARD! VINCENT! LEAVE THE SUITCASE WHERE IT IS!
RAISE BOTH YOUR HANDS SLOWLY.

THERE'S NO WAY--
HUH? WHAT?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT. YOU AMATEUR!
BOTH OF YOU! BACK AWAY SLOWLY FROM THE SUITCASE!
KTCH
VINCENT! PUT YOUR GUN DOWN... SLOWLY!
WAIT! LET ME TALK TO THE BOSS.
FLIP
OKAY!
HE ISN'T IN THE MOOD TO TALK TO A TRAITOR.

!
ZA
DAMN!
BANG
CLANK
IT WAS JUST THE CLIP!
FYU

FLAP
THUMP
BRAAP

SEEMS LIKE
TANK
PLEASE DON'T KILL ALL OF *HEM

WERE'D THEY GO?
SHIT!
SUCK IT UP! WE'RE WORK-ING!
YOU'VE GOT A VEST ON.
WAIT! I'M HIT. I CAN'T MOVE.
BOTH ME AND PEPE WERE SHOT IN THE LEG! HOLD ON A SEC!
THEY MUST BE IN HERE SOMEWHERE. ROB, YOU GUARD THE DOOR. ME AND PEPE--
KTCH

CHAPTER 1/END

CHAPTER 2 OASIS

HOWARD! VINCENT! LAY DOWN YOUR GUNS AND COME OUT! WE WON'T KILL YOU!
OW
SHH! DON'T SAY A WORD.
VINCENT! IF YOU HELP HIM, YOU'LL HAVE THE WHOLE MOB AFTER YOU!
NOW! I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN SHOT, TOO.
VUOON

I KNOW THEY'RE JUST OVER THERE
THE KEY WAS STILL IN THE CAR PEPE GOT IN
SCREECH
AH!
SHIT!
KLUNK
SCREECH

!
VROOM
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THE ROAD IS STRAIGHT AS AN ARROW
STOP! HE WAS ABLE TO KEEP US OUT OF SIGHT AND STILL FOLLOW VINCENT'S CAR!
BAS-TARDS
THIS IS A TWO LITER MADE FOR CORNER ING
HYMAN'S IN A V12 FIVE LITER BMW
DID HE ?
BUT
IF WE ADD THE EXTRA WEIGHT THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL CATCH HIM!!
HE'S PISSED STEP ON IT!
HERE WE GO!
THUD
SLAM
WHAT THE ?
PING

WELL NOW
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, RALLY
SNIT!
HOW COULD YOU LEAVE ME OUT HERE CAR LESS?

YEAH IT MAKES ME FEEL A LOT SAFER BEING WITH A BOUNTY HUNTER WHO DIDN'T EVEN KNOW SHE WAS BEING TAILED!
ZII ZII DRAG DRAG
THAT'S TOUGH TALK FOR SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN SHOT IN THE LEG
NO WAY I'M GOING WITH YOU!

BESIDES THEY ONLY LEFT BECAUSE THEY WERE CHASING THE FAT BASTARD WHO TOOK THE MONEY
I'M INJURED BECAUSE YOU CAME OUT WITH GUNS BLAZING
I GOT RID OF THEM. DIDN'T I?
IF I WAS ALONE I COULD HAVE NEGOTIATED WITH THEM USING MY "GOLDEN TONGUE"

IT WON'T TAKE LONG FOR THE MOB TO FIND OUT THAT I'M WITH YOU.
THEY'LL SEND OUT HIT MEN RIGHT AWAY.
CAN YOU BEAT THEM? CAN YOU PROTECT ME?
NO WAY, NO HOW !!
TEXAS
JFK 357

PERHAPS I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT MINNIE-MAY ALONG.

WE DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO KEEP WATCH WHILE WE REST. HOW CAN YOU EVEN HOPE TO GET ME TO CHICAGO WHEN YOU ALSO HAVE TO DEAL WITH HIT MEN?
ONE WOMAN, ONE GUN!

YO, RALLY.
KTCH !!

IF WE GET BACK, YOU STAND TO COLLECT A BOUNTY OF ABOUT EIGHTY GRAND, RIGHT?
SO HOW ABOUT THIS?

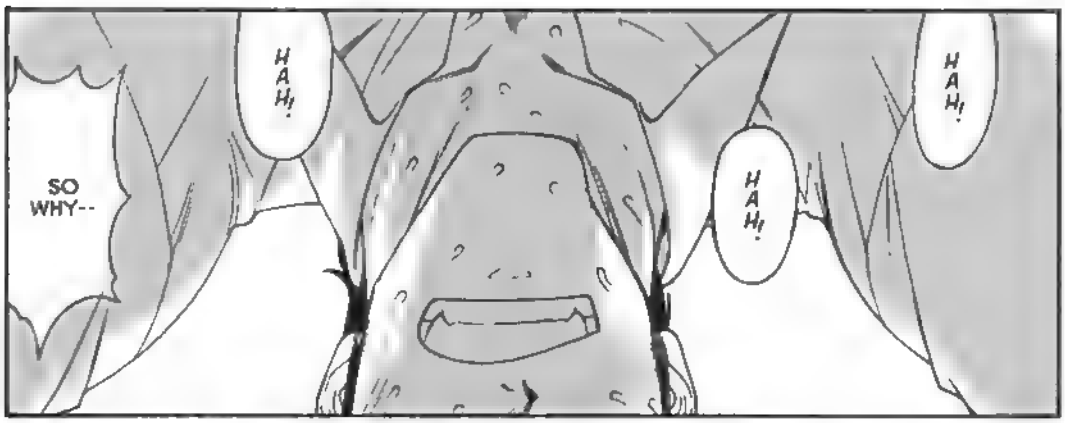
...I'LL GIVE YOU $150,000.
IF YOU LET ME GO...

BEAN?!

BEAN BANDIT!!
NOW I'M STUCK HERE WITH NO WHEELS
THANKS TO YOU, MY CLIENTS LEFT WITHOUT ME

I'm HIRE YOU RIGH HERE RIGHT NOW!
HUH?

HAH
HAH
HAH
JFK 357

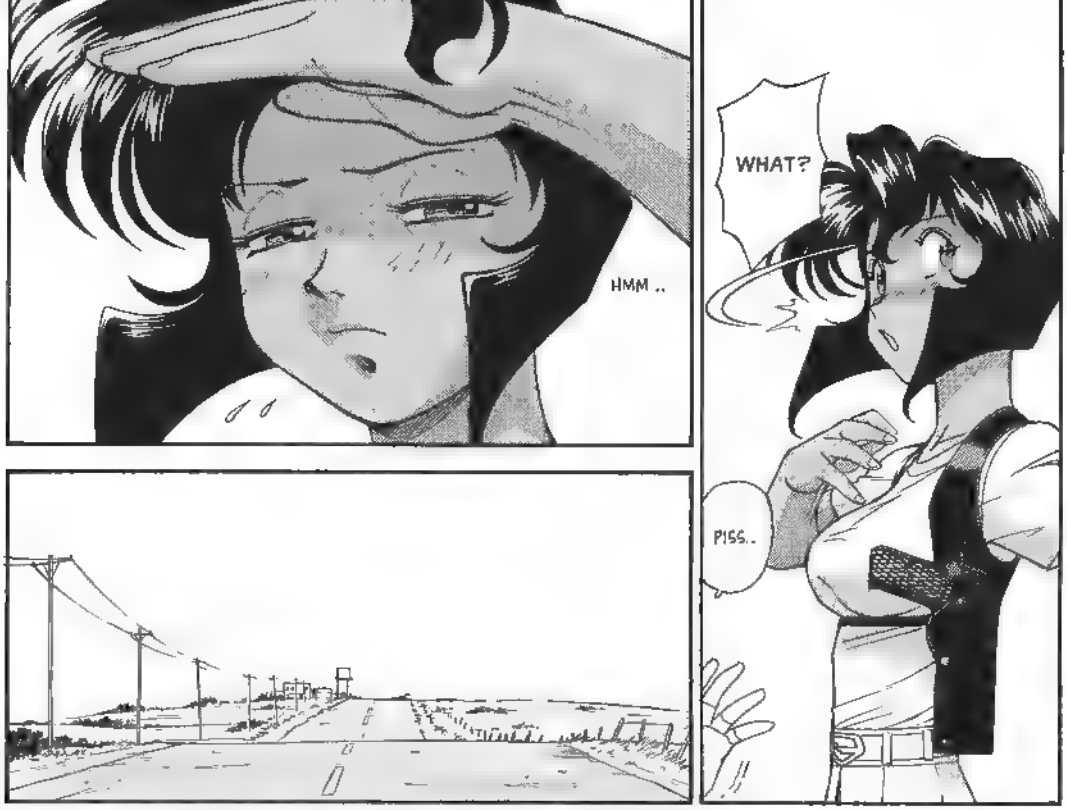

HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
SO WHY--

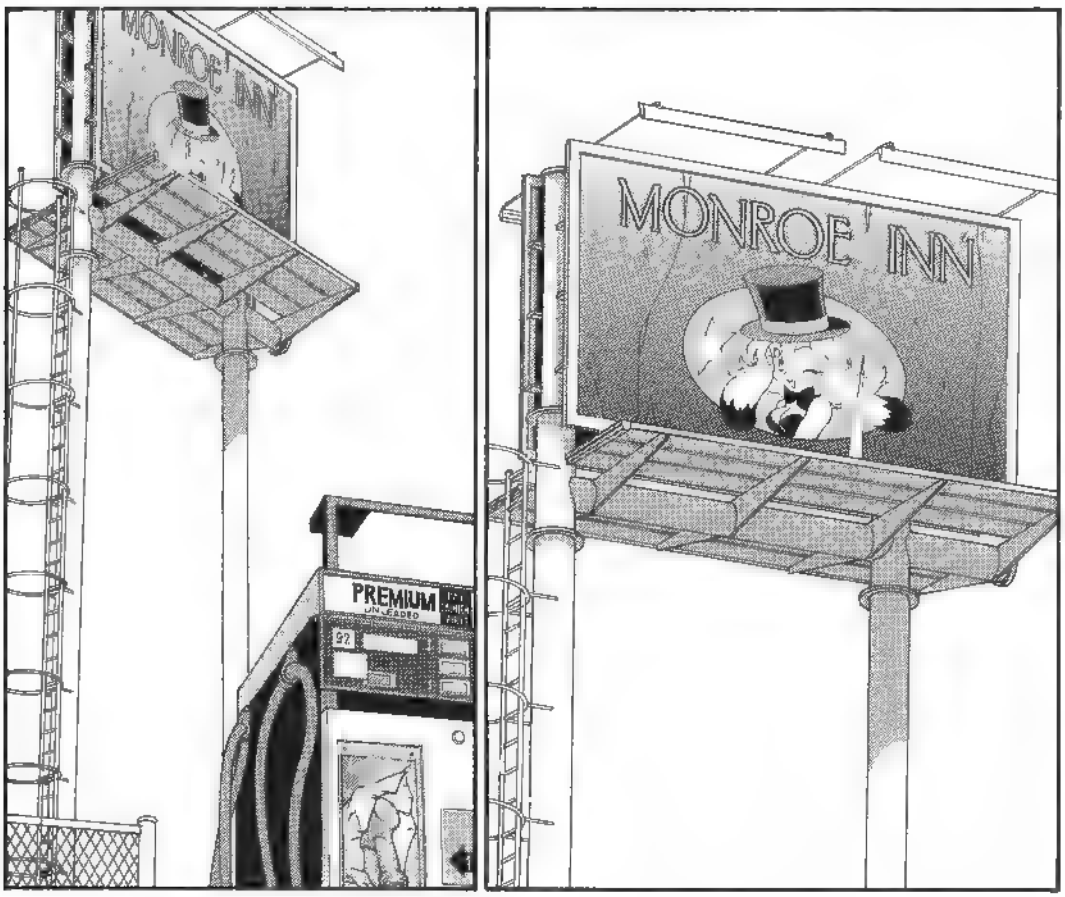
HAH
HAH
HAH

HAH
HAH
HAH

THIS IS TOO MUCH EVEN FOR ME!
...DO I HAVE TO KEEP PUSHING?!
DON'T MAKE THE IN-JURED PUSH THE CAR!
I FEEL EVEN WORSE!
I CAN'T DO MORE THAN I HAVE!
MY HEART IS ALREADY RACING!
THAT GODDAMN RENTAL AGENCY! WHY DID THEY GIVE ME A CAR WITH ONLY HALF A TANK?!
IT'S ALREADY NOON. WHY THE HELL HASN'T ANYBODY COME DOWN THIS ROAD?!
HOWARD! YOU HELPED ME FOR TEN MINUTES! CAN'T YOU DO MORE?
!
THUD
I'M A SOURCE OF MONEY FOR YOU! YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN MORE CAREFUL!

BEAN, ARE YOU OKAY?
HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
THE FU--?!
HUH?
RALLY...LET ME DRINK YOUR PISS.
THIS IS... BAD...
NO... I AM NOT OKAY...
HEY.
I SEE SOME-THING.
UH... BUT...
PISS FOR ME... OR I COULD DIE.
THE ONLY LIQUID WE HAVE NOW...COOLANT... OR WIPER FLUID. THE ONLY THING I CAN DRINK IS...PISS.
PLEASE.


HMM ..
WHAT?
PISS..


MONROE INN
PREMIUM
UNLEADED
MONROE INN

SCRAPE SCRAPE
SCREE SCREE
HELLO THERE.
CAN I GET YOU ANY-THING?
OH.
YES!
CAN YOU EVER!

GULP
GULP GULP

OH YES!!
AAAHHH!!!
THUNK
GULP

THAT'S OUR PRICE. CHANGE YOUR MIND?
THAT'S A BIT STEEP.
NO, NO! WE'LL TAKE THEM!
THAT WILL BE $3 A BOTTLE.
AND FOR ME, TOO.
ONE MORE PLEASE!

SHAKE
LET ME DRINK YOUR PISS..
YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM LIKE THAT.
IF HE DOESN'T DRINK SOMETHING, HE'LL DIE.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR FRIEND?
HA!
DON'T EVEN JOKE ABOUT THAT!!
OR ARE YOU INTO THAT KIND OF THING?

I'LL GIVE PISS-BOY THE SWEETEST "PISS" HE'S EVER HAD.
SURE THING. GIVE ME FIFTY BUCKS.
WE AREN'T THAT CLOSE
BUT THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT. I DON'T CARE IF IT'S PISS. GIVE HIM A GALLON OF THE CHEAPEST DRINK YOU HAVE!

WELL NOW.
SLAM
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
CREAK
THAT'S WHAT WE GET FOR BEING SO FAR OFF THE INTERSTATE.
WHAT A NICE LITTLE RACKET SHE'S GOT.
Don't Touch
IT'S EXPENSIVE AND I DON'T LIKE HER ATTITUDE.
STILL...
I GUESS THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE DURING THE OFF-SEASON.
EW!
I HOPE THE GAS THEY'RE PUTTING INTO THE MERCEDES IS STILL GOOD.
AND LOOK.
THIS COLA IS MONTHS OLD.

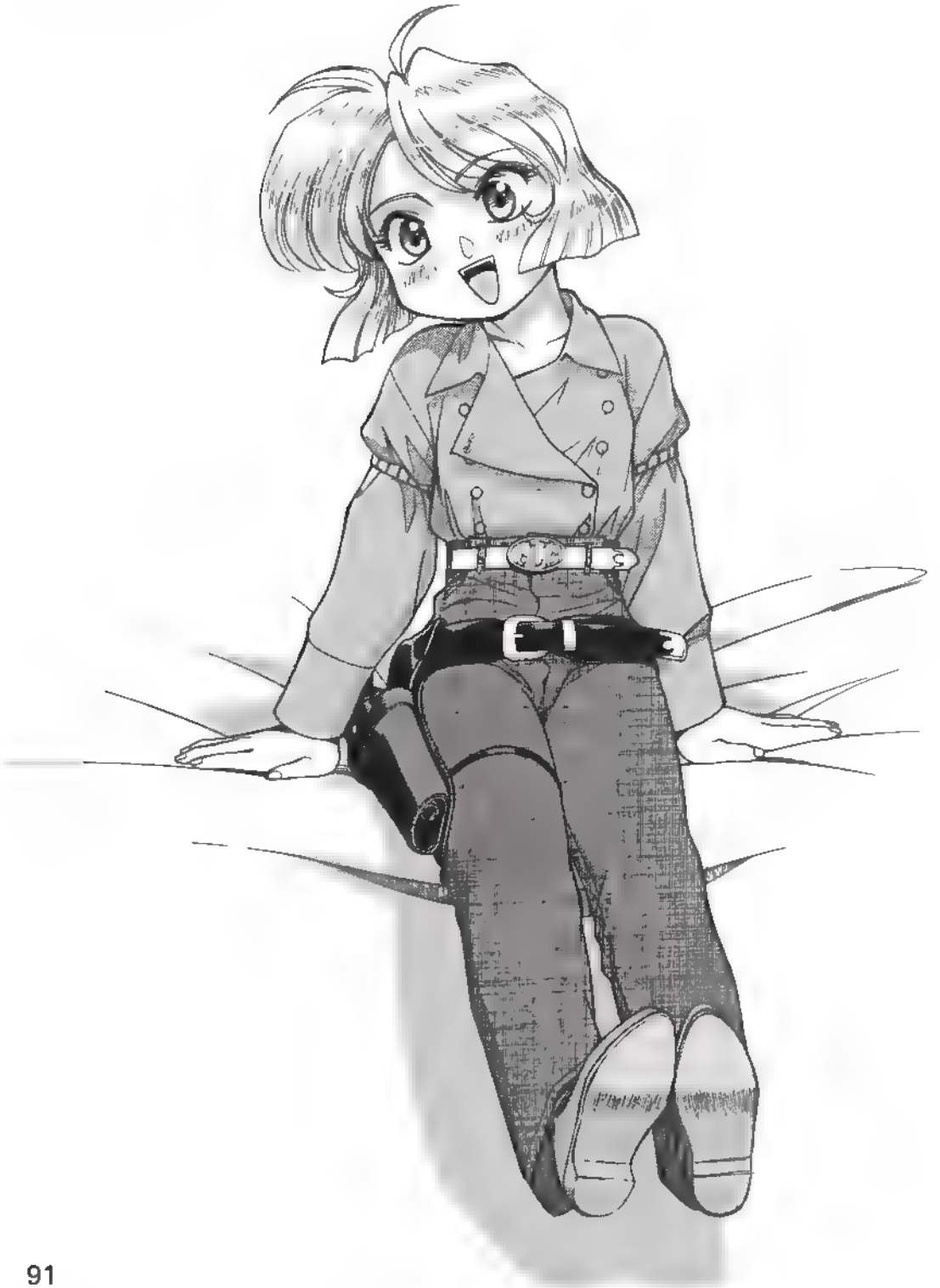
CLUNK
STILL GOOD.
SNIFF
WHERE'S THE REST?
WHAT?
...NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THAT SUITCASE COULDN'T HAVE HELD MORE THAN THREE MILLION.
I WOULD EXPECT AN ACCOUNTANT FOR A LARGE MOB ORGANIZATION TO NOTICE.
BY THE WAY

ACCORDING TO MY INFOR-MATION, YOU GOT OFF WITH ABOUT THIRTY MILLION.
IS THAT WHY YOU'RE ON THE RUN? DID THEY FIND OUT HOW MUCH YOU REALLY TOOK?
CREAK
HERE IT IS!
IT'S A LITTLE OLD, BUT IT'S ALL THE BEER I'VE GOT.
THUD
YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE ON THE LEVEL, SO I'LL WARN YOU...
KCHAK
OH, AND I FORGOT.
ESPECIALLY IF IT INVOLVES MY GRAND-DAUGHTER.
...I DON'T TOLERATE TROUBLE IN MY STORE!
SWING
MONROE INN

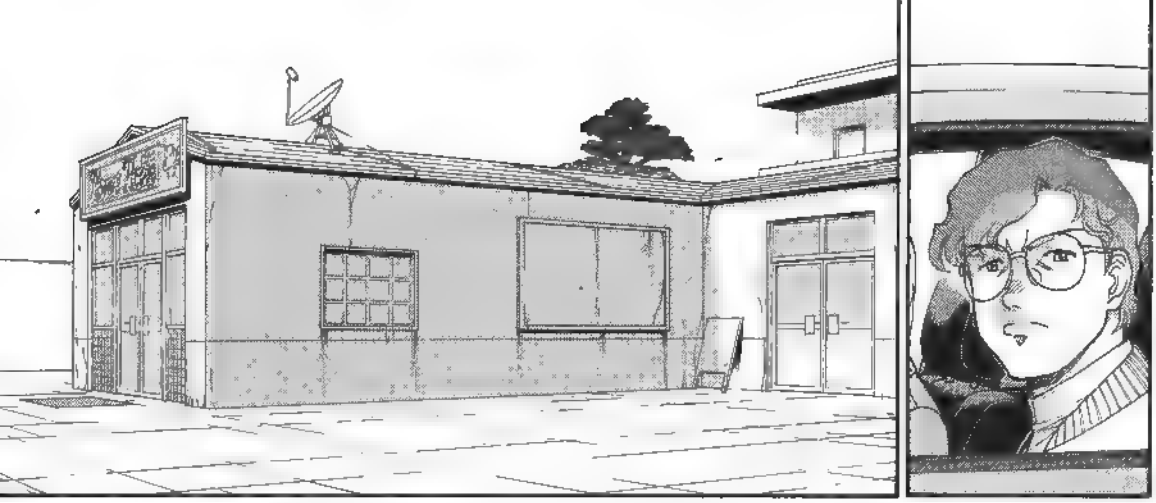
IT'LL BE A RECORD DAY!
WOW!
VROOM
DIESEL
WELCOME TO MONROE INN!
CRACKLE
YOU HAVE A GOOD EYE.
I'M IM-PRESSED.
IT MAY BE TOO LATE TO GET BACK TO THE WAREHOUSE, BUT LET'S GET SOME GAS AT LEAST.
I BET VINCENT NOTICED THAT THERE WASN'T ENOUGH MONEY IN THE BAG AS WELL.

CHAPTER 2/END

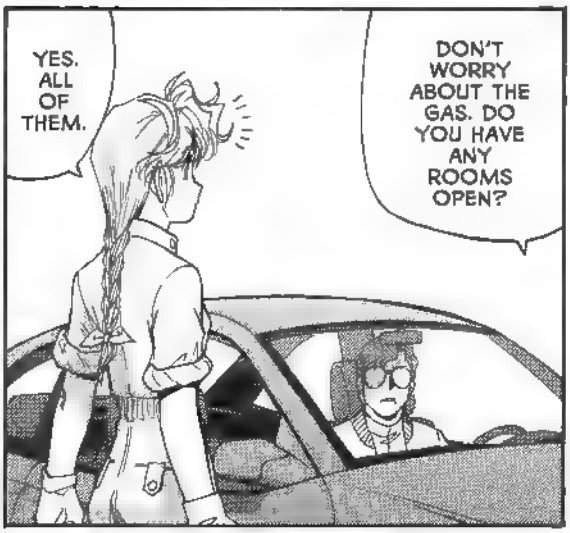
CHAPTER 3 MONROE INN



ARE YOU OKAY?
WE WERE AS-SAULTED ON THE ROAD.
OH MY!
YES. A FULL TANK PLEASE. AND--
WOULD YOU LIKE PREMI-UM?
I'D LIKE TO CHANGE MY BANDAGES. DO YOU HAVE A FIRST-AID KIT?
!
IT'S JUST A SCRATCH. I'M FINE.
YOU'RE BOTH BLEEDING! I SHOULD CALL SOMEONE!
HEY!
REALLY, THEY'RE JUST SCRATCHES. BESIDES, I'VE ALREADY CALLED. WE JUST WANT A FIRST-AID--
UM, NO. THEY'RE JUST IN THE RESTAU-RANT.
C250
TEXAS
JFK357
THAT MERCEDES! IS ITS OWNER STAYING IN THE MOTEL?

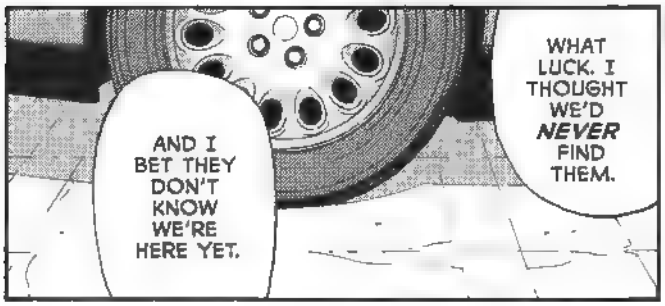


...GO AROUND THE BACK AND PARK.
IF YOU'D LIKE ONE...


YES. ALL OF THEM.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE GAS. DO YOU HAVE ANY ROOMS OPEN?

I'LL GET YOUR KEY.
OF COURSE. GO 'ROUND TO THE FRONT DESK.

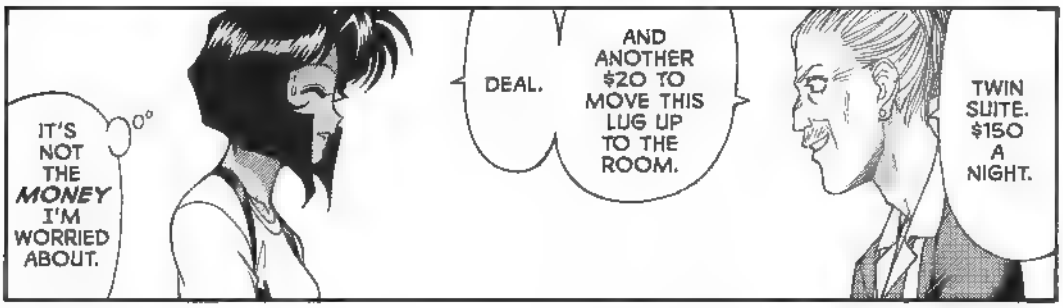
THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE THE ONE FURTHEST IN THE BACK.
BRING THE FIRST-AID KIT TO OUR ROOM.


AND I BET THEY DON'T KNOW WE'RE HERE YET.
WHAT LUCK. I THOUGHT WE'D *NEVER* FIND THEM.

BUT IF HE ISN'T, THERE ISN'T MUCH TO DO.
IT'S VINCENT'S CAR SO I IMAGINE HOWARD IS WITH HER.
I'D LIKE TO GET THE CAR OUT OF SIGHT AND HIT THEM RIGHT AWAY...
...BUT WE NEED TO DO SOME RECONAIS-SANCE.
YES, BUT WE NEED MY SMOOTH TONGUE TO GET THE INFO FROM THE GIRL.
I'M INJURED, TOO.
I'LL TRY TO SEE WHAT I CAN GET OUT OF THE GIRL WHEN I CHECK IN. YOU MAKE SURE THEY DON'T LEAVE.
FIZZ FIZZ
GULP
FIZZ FIZZ
CLUNK
CRUNCH
PHEW
CHUG CHUG CHUG CHUG

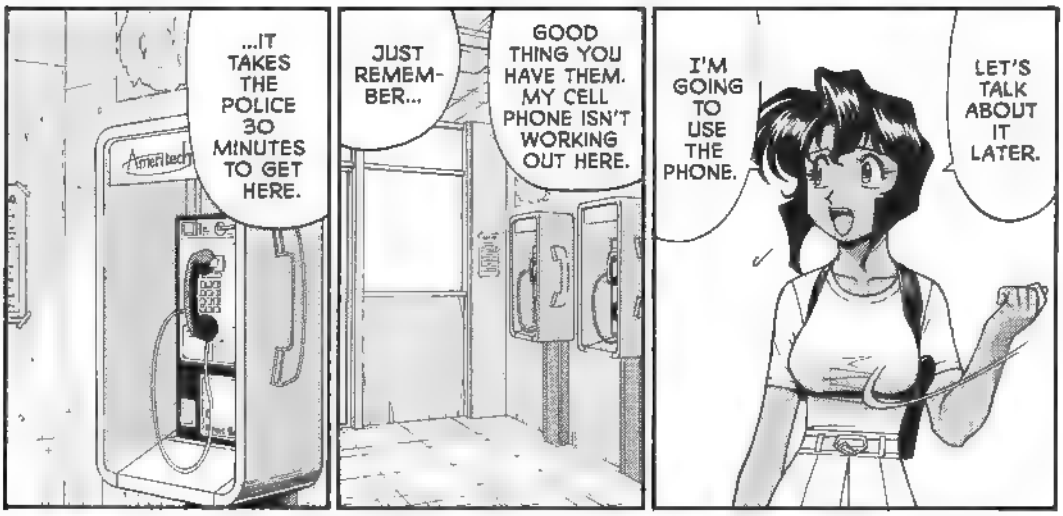
HEY! BEAN!
GET UP IF YOU CAN! WE GAVE YOU YOUR PISS!
THAT WAS QUITE A FEAT.
COUGH
かぽっ
GASP
HE DRANK ALL THIRTY CANS.
THIS BEER IS OVER A YEAR OLD.
IT REALLY IS HORSE PISS.
BELCH
IF YOU DON'T KEEP WATCH, I CAN'T SHOWER AND CATCH A NAP!
SNORE!
SLAP
...I HIRED YOU.
THIS IS WHY...

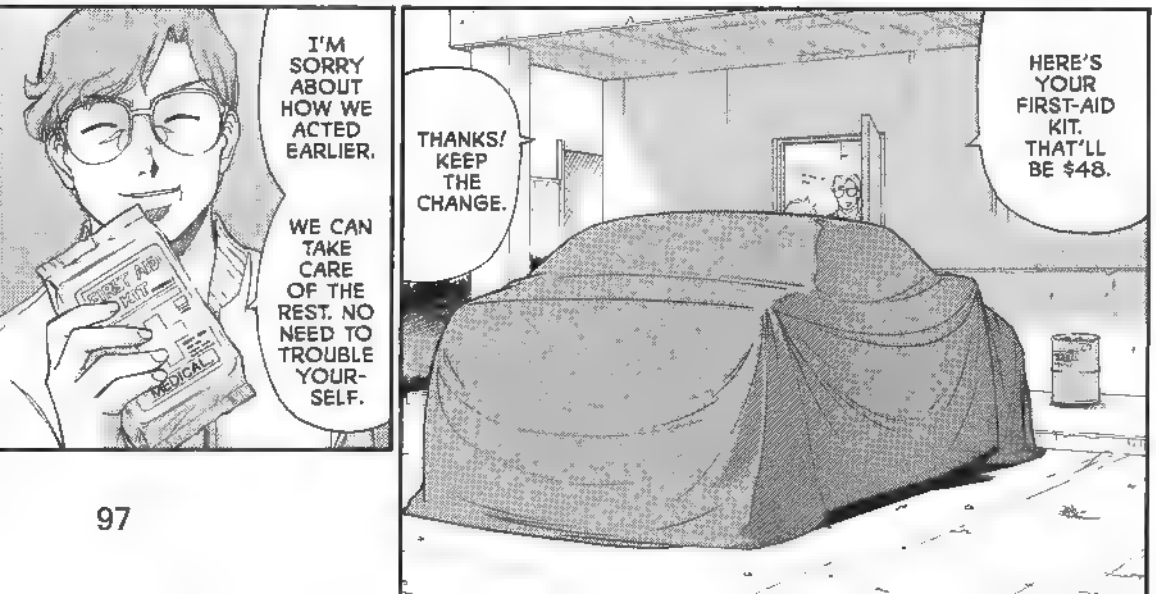
HOW MUCH?
IF YOU TAKE THE MOST EXPENSIVE ROOM, I'LL WATCH THE ONE WITH HANDCUFFS FOR YOU.
PERHAPS I DID MAKE HIM PUSH TOO MUCH.
OUCH.
SNORE
SNORE


IT'S NOT THE MONEY I'M WORRIED ABOUT.
DEAL.
AND ANOTHER $20 TO MOVE THIS LUG UP TO THE ROOM.
TWIN SUITE. $150 A NIGHT.

WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME MORE? PERHAPS I CAN BE OF SOME HELP.
YOU SHOWED ME YOUR LICENSE, BUT YOU STILL SEEM TO BE HIDING SOMETHING.
IS THAT TRUE?
SHIVER
...SOMEONE SAID THAT YOU'RE A BOUNTY HUNTER AND THAT MAN IS THE FUGITIVE YOU CAUGHT.
BY THE WAY, WHEN YOU GOT HERE...
KOTSU

BY THE TIME YOU WAKE UP, I'LL BE LONG GONE.
YES! IT WON'T TAKE MUCH TO GET THIS REDNECK CRONE ON MY SIDE.
I'M NOT A FREE MAN AT THE MOMENT.
IT'S UP TO YOU, MISS VINCENT.
...
...
...
DAMN!


...IT TAKES THE POLICE 30 MINUTES TO GET HERE.
JUST REMEMBER...
GOOD THING YOU HAVE THEM. MY CELL PHONE ISN'T WORKING OUT HERE.
I'M GOING TO USE THE PHONE.
LET'S TALK ABOUT IT LATER.


I'M SORRY ABOUT HOW WE ACTED EARLIER.
WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THE REST. NO NEED TO TROUBLE YOURSELF.
FIRST AID KIT
MEDICAL
THANKS! KEEP THE CHANGE.
HERE'S YOUR FIRST-AID KIT. THAT'LL BE $48.

YOU'RE SMOOTH.
BTAM
...SHE WAS TIGHT LIPPED AT FIRST, BUT SHE OPENED UP PRETTY EASILY.
I'LL SAY...
THANK YOU!
THE GIRL SAID...
..THERE WERE THREE OF THEM IN THE MERCEDES.
ROAD THREE? BUSTER!
I MESSED WITH THE PLUGS.
BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHEN HE MIGHT RECOVER! DID YOU TAKE CARE OF THE MERCEDES?
YOU'RE KIDDING!
SHE SAID THEY'D RUN OUT OF GAS AND THE BIG ONE IS OUT FROM PUSHING THE CAR ALL DAY.
CHUGA CHUGA CHUGA
HEY! WHY...?

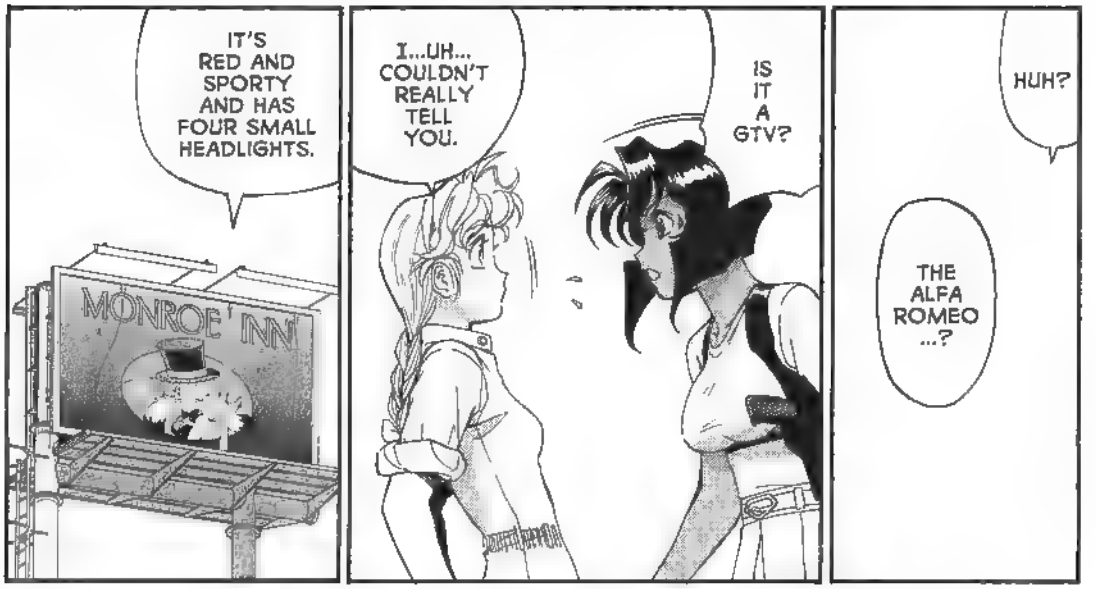
PLONK
...I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE READY FOR VINCENT.
"READY?"
YEAH. BUT FIRST...
BEEP BEEP BEEP
WE'D BETTER DO IT BEFORE HE COMES TO.
IF EVERYTHING WENT AS PLANNED, IT MIGHT HELP US.
RING RING
WE HAD A PLAN IN PLACE EVER SINCE WE HEARD THAT VINCENT WAS ON HOWARD'S TRAIL.
IS HE THERE?
IT'S ME, ROBERT.
RING CLICK
LIKE I SAID...
...THE SHELBY HAS BEEN STOLEN !!
MINNIE-MAY, CAN YOU REPEAT THAT?
I DON'T THINK I HEARD RIGHT.
HUH?
WHAT ?!

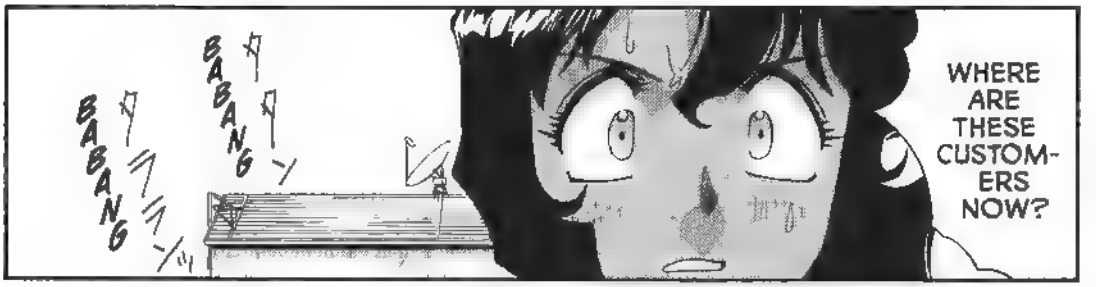
"IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO H, THE SHELBY WILL CAUSE THE DEATHS OF MANY CHILDREN IN A PUBLIC PLACE."
THEY PLAN ON USING YOUR GT500 IN A TERRORIST ATTACK!
WHEN WE CLOSED THE SHUTTER, THERE WAS A NOTE.
"WE'LL EXCHANGE SHELBY FOR H.
THEY WERE PROS AND IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOUR CURRENT MISSION.

CREAK
WE HAVEN'T TOLD THE POLICE YET WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE US TO DO?
MY... MY GT500!
I'M SORRY THE GIRL WITH THE BRAIDED HAIR LET ME IN.
HEY YOU' ONLY STAFF ARE ALLOWED IN THERE.
HELLO? RALLY?
NOR-MA?
BTAM
OH NO...!
JUST WHAT YOU SEE
I HEARD THAT THERE WERE THREE OTHER CUSTOM-ERS.

THERE WILL BE NO GUNPLAY IN MY PLACE!
WE'RE NOT AS STUPID AS HYMAN. WE SAW THAT THE CASE WAS LIGHT.
CLACK
WH- WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
...THAT'S UP TO YOU AND THIS GUY HERE.
CLICK
WELL NOW, GRANNY...
UH...YEAH... I'M SURE IT CAN BE FIXED RIGHT AWAY. GRAMMA IS A GREAT MECHANIC.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN THE ENGINE WON'T START?
I'M SO SORRY!!
I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY.

I TOOK MY EYES OFF IT JUST A SEC WHEN THE CUSTOMERS IN THE ALFA ROMEO ARRIVED, BUT I DIDN'T TOUCH ANYTHING.
EVERY-THING WILL BE FINE.

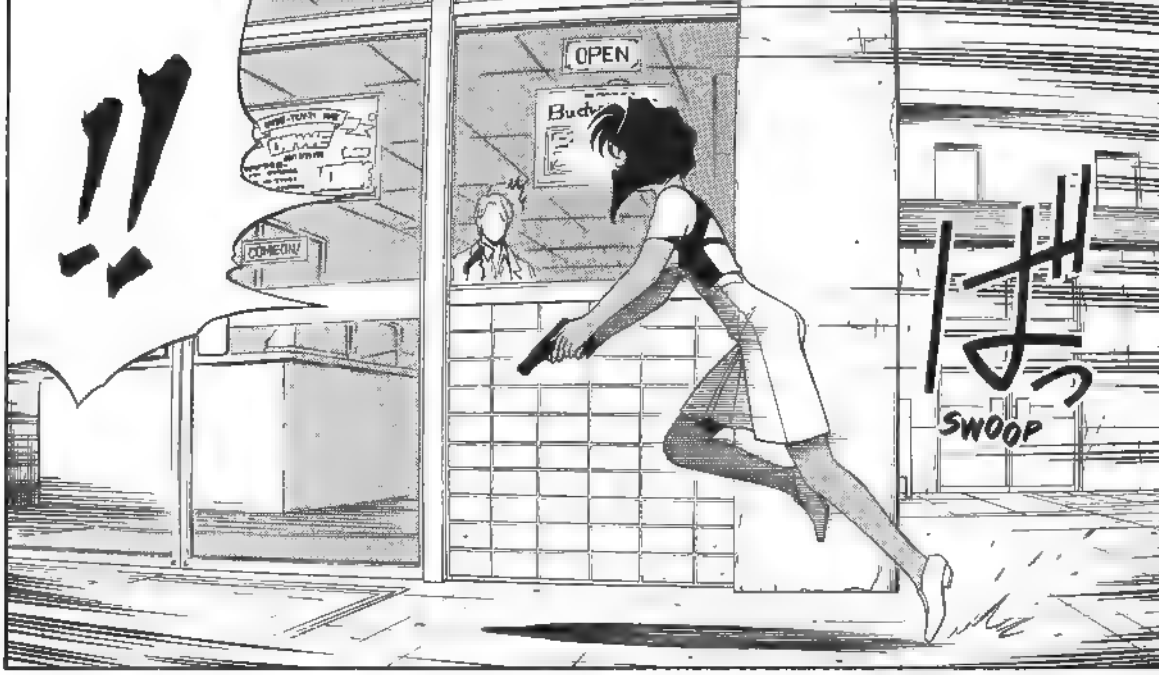

IT'S RED AND SPORTY AND HAS FOUR SMALL HEADLIGHTS.
MONROE INN
I...UH... COULDN'T REALLY TELL YOU.
IS IT A GTV?
HUH?
THE ALFA ROMEO ...?


BABANG
BABANG
WHERE ARE THESE CUSTOM-ERS NOW?

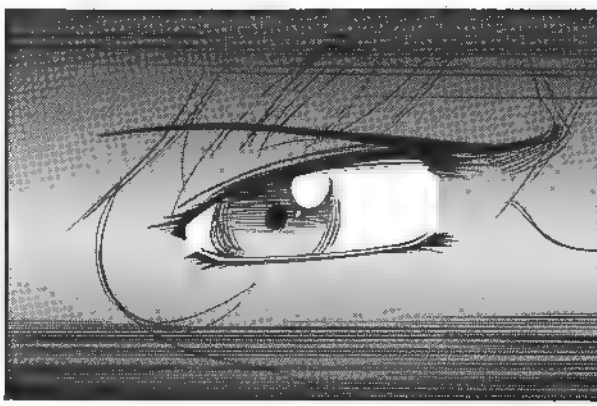
!!
GRAM-MA!

HOLD IT...
WSSH
DASH
GRAM--
--MA!
IT'S THEM!
GET SOME-WHERE SAFE!!
THEY'RE MAFIA AND THEY'RE ARMED! LEAVE THIS TO ME!
KYAA!
THUD
...RIGHT THERE !!

YOU TOO, GRAN-NY.
DON'T MOVE, HOWARD !!
FWEE!
HANDS UP, BOTH OF YOU. MOVE OVER THERE!
YOUR CLIENT, WHO PAID YOU WELL-- IN ADVANCE-- NEEDS YOU. WAKE UP!!
HEY! BEAN BAN-DIT!!


!!
OPEN
COMEDY
SWOOP

VINCENT.
CLACK



BABABABABANG

NO, WAIT. THE FAT ONE TOOK OFF. THERE'S EITHER ONE OR TWO OF THEM.
THERE SHOULD BE THREE OF THEM.
ZRAUGH
JUST ONE? WITH A GLOCK 18?
STAFF ONLY
SKRTCH
NO. THEY'LL EXPECT THAT. I SHOULD GO THROUGH THE FRONT.
I HAVE TO AT LEAST HELP THE OLD WOMAN.
I CAN SHOOT THE LOCK AND GET IN THROUGH THERE.
STAFF ONLY
STORE-ROOM BEHIND THE KITCHEN.
AH!

CHAPTER 3/END

CHAPTER 4 MUZZLE TO MUZZLE

...HE WON'T PLAY THAT CARD.
IS HE...
UNTIL HE KNOWS THAT I KNOW...
...TAKING HER HOS-TAGE?
HOLD ON JUST A LITTLE LONGER.
I'M SORRY, NORMA.
RATTLE
カチャ
CREAK
WHAT WAS THAT?
PANG
PANG

FWA--
VIN--
BA
BAM
BAM
BAM

ZA
FWSH
TAP
DAMN!

STAND STRAIGHT AND STAY STILL!
PEPE... PLEASE...
VIN-CENT!
ばっ
JERK
I SUGGEST YOU LOOK WHERE MY GUN IS AIMED!
SQUEEZE
I CAN TAKE YOU OUT WHENEVER I WANT!
I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD HOW GOOD A SHOT I AM.
THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPON!
PEPE IS IT?
YOU PUT YOUR GUN DOWN!
ホオリー
zzzzzz

EVEN IF I SHOOT HER IN THE HEAD, SHE COULD STILL HIT EITHER ONE OF US.
I CAN'T AFFORD TO LET HIM DIE.
EVEN IF I TOOK HIM OUT WITH ONE SHOT, HE COULD SPRAY BULLETS EVERY-WHERE
HIS GUN IS ON FULL AUTO... AND IT HAS A HUGE MAGAZINE.
KCHAK
カチャン!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!

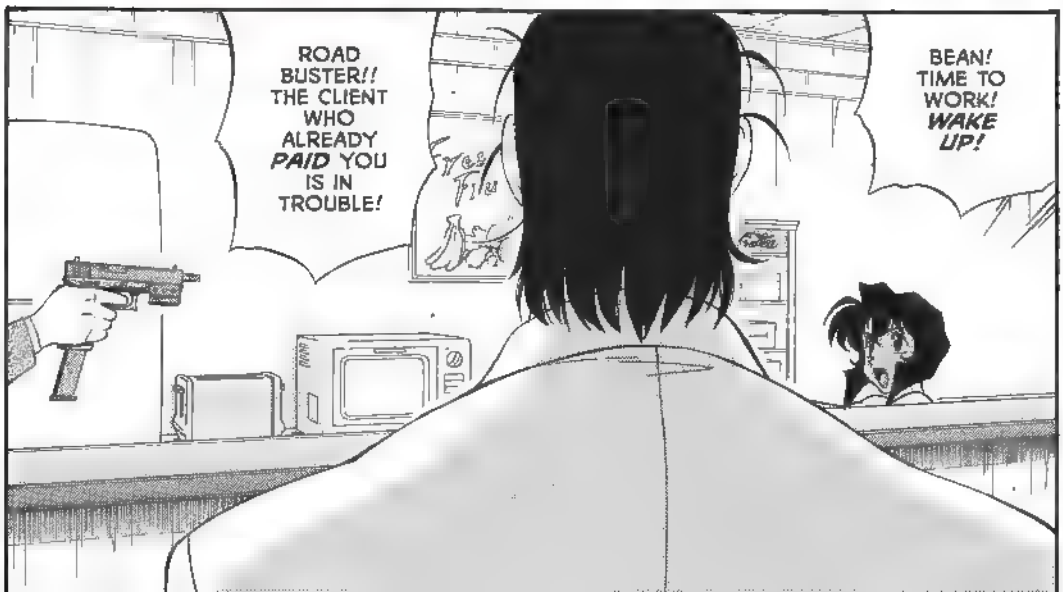
NOW PUT DOWN THAT TOY OF YOURS.
MY HUSBAND LEFT ME THIS RIFLE. IT'S KEPT MY SHOP CLEAN OF BLOOD SPILLED BY THE LIKES OF YOU.
THANKS FOR THE BACKUP.
I'M NOT DOING IT FOR YOU.
I DON'T TRUST HER AIM AT ALL.
AND HERE I THOUGHT I WAS OUT OF TROUBLE.
SHIT!
NO WAY.
PEPE. PERHAPS THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO--
!
KTCH
DING DING
SQUEAK

GRAMMA. THIS MAN--
DON'T MOVE !!
YOU TOO, VIN-CENT!!
UNLESS YOU WANT TO SEE THIS PRETTY GIRL'S GUTS SPILL OUT FROM HER CROTCH.
THE GUN IS FIRMLY INSIDE HER PANTS. IF YOU SHOOT ME, SHE GETS IT.
NORMA...
PUT THE GUNS DOWN EASY, BOTH OF YOU!
THEN BACK UP SLOWLY!!
I DOUBT YOU WANT HER DEATH ON YOUR HANDS!
PEPE! WHEN THEY PUT DOWN THEIR GUNS, GET OVER HERE!
WE'LL BE USING THE MERCE-DES!

ONCE WE GET OUT OF HERE, THEY'LL USE WHATEVER TORTURE OR DRUGS THEY NEED TO GET THE LOCATION OF THE MONEY OUT OF ME. AND THEN THEY'LL KILL ME!
OH MAN. OH MAN!
OKAY!
SHUT UP!! PUT YOUR GUN DOWN!
IF YOU LET HER GO, I'M WILLING TO FORGET EVERY-THING.
YOU, WITH THE GLASSES. WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN TO YOU IF YOUR ONLY HOSTAGE IS KILLED?
HE'LL SHOOT ME THE MOMENT I PUT IT DOWN.
GANGSTERS LIKE THIS NEVER LET WITNESSES LIVE.
BEAN IS NO HELP.
DAMN
I DON'T LIKE THIS. IF IT DRAWS ON ANY LONGER, HE'LL BRING UP THE GT500.

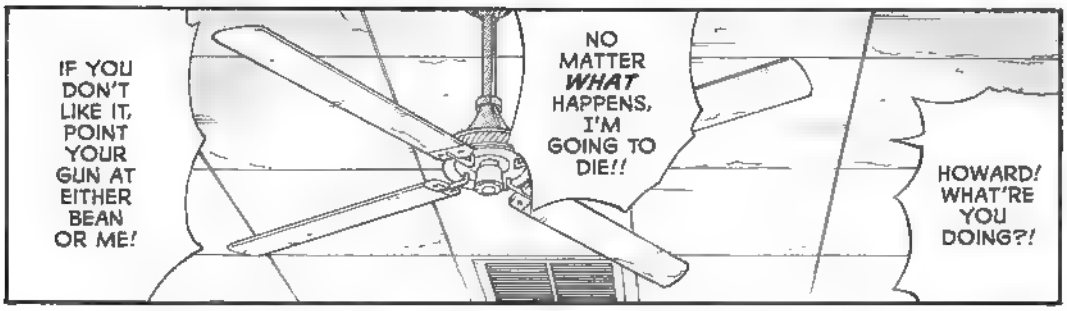
BE--
BEAN!!
NNN...
Luncheon Meat

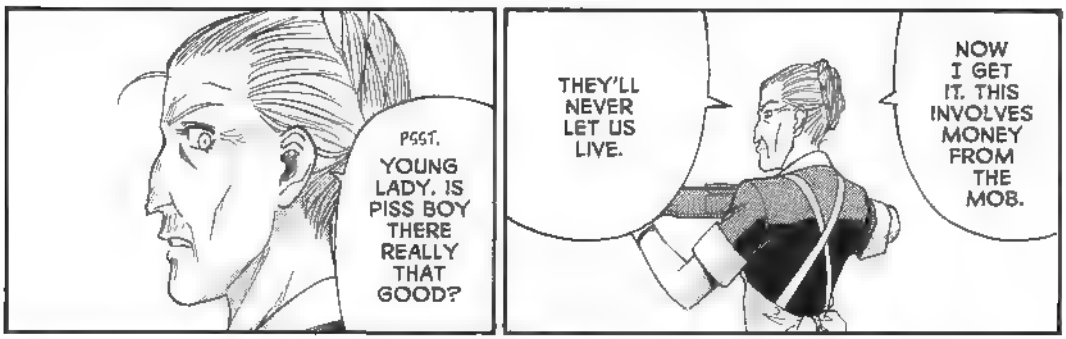
IF I PUT MY GUN ON HIM, VINCENT WILL SHOOT ME!
HEY PISS BOY! ANY SUDDEN MOVEMENT MEANS NORMA'S DEATH.
YES! IF BEAN WAKES UP, THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING.
...HUNGRY.
SO...

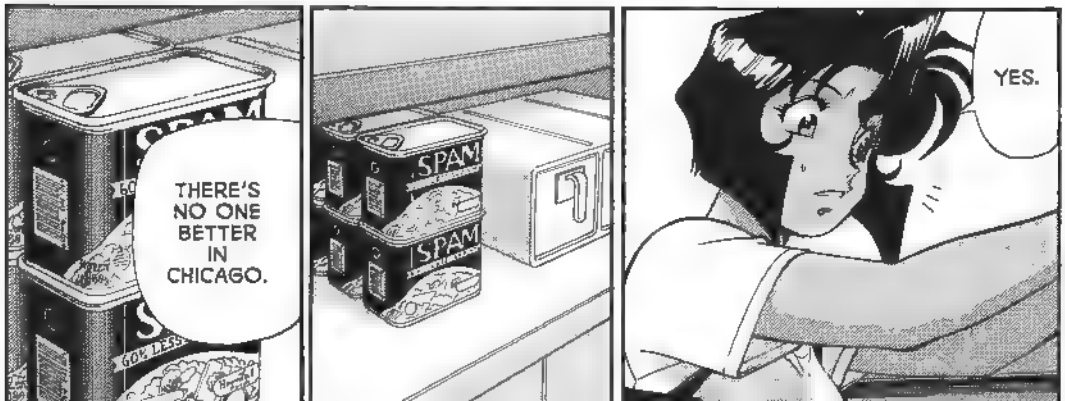

ROAD BUSTER!! THE CLIENT WHO ALREADY *PAID* YOU IS IN TROUBLE!
BEAN! TIME TO WORK! *WAKE UP!*

HA! I KNOW THAT YOU LET HIM OUT OF HIS CONTRACT LAST NIGHT! HE WORKS FOR ME NOW!
HYMAN HAD ALREADY CROSSED US! HIS WORD MEANS NOTHING! HE'S STILL WORKING FOR US!
I'LL HIRE YOU RIGHT NOW FOR TEN MIL!
BEAN BANDIT !!

SIGH
I'LL HELP WHOEVER GETS ME SOMETHING TO EAT.
I FEEL LIKE CRAP.
...I'M SO HUNGRY.


IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, POINT YOUR GUN AT EITHER BEAN OR ME!
NO MATTER *WHAT* HAPPENS, I'M GOING TO DIE!!
HOWARD! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!


PSST. YOUNG LADY. IS PISS BOY THERE REALLY THAT GOOD?
THEY'LL NEVER LET US LIVE.
NOW I GET IT. THIS INVOLVES MONEY FROM THE MOB.


THERE'S NO ONE BETTER IN CHICAGO.
SPAM
SPAM
YES.

OF COURSE. I JUST HAVE TO...
SPAM
PLEASE MAKE SURE NORMA DOESN'T GET HURT.
HERE GOES.
FLIP
...STARTED!
...GET THE ENGINE...
VIN--
NNNGGG
SPAM
CRUNCH

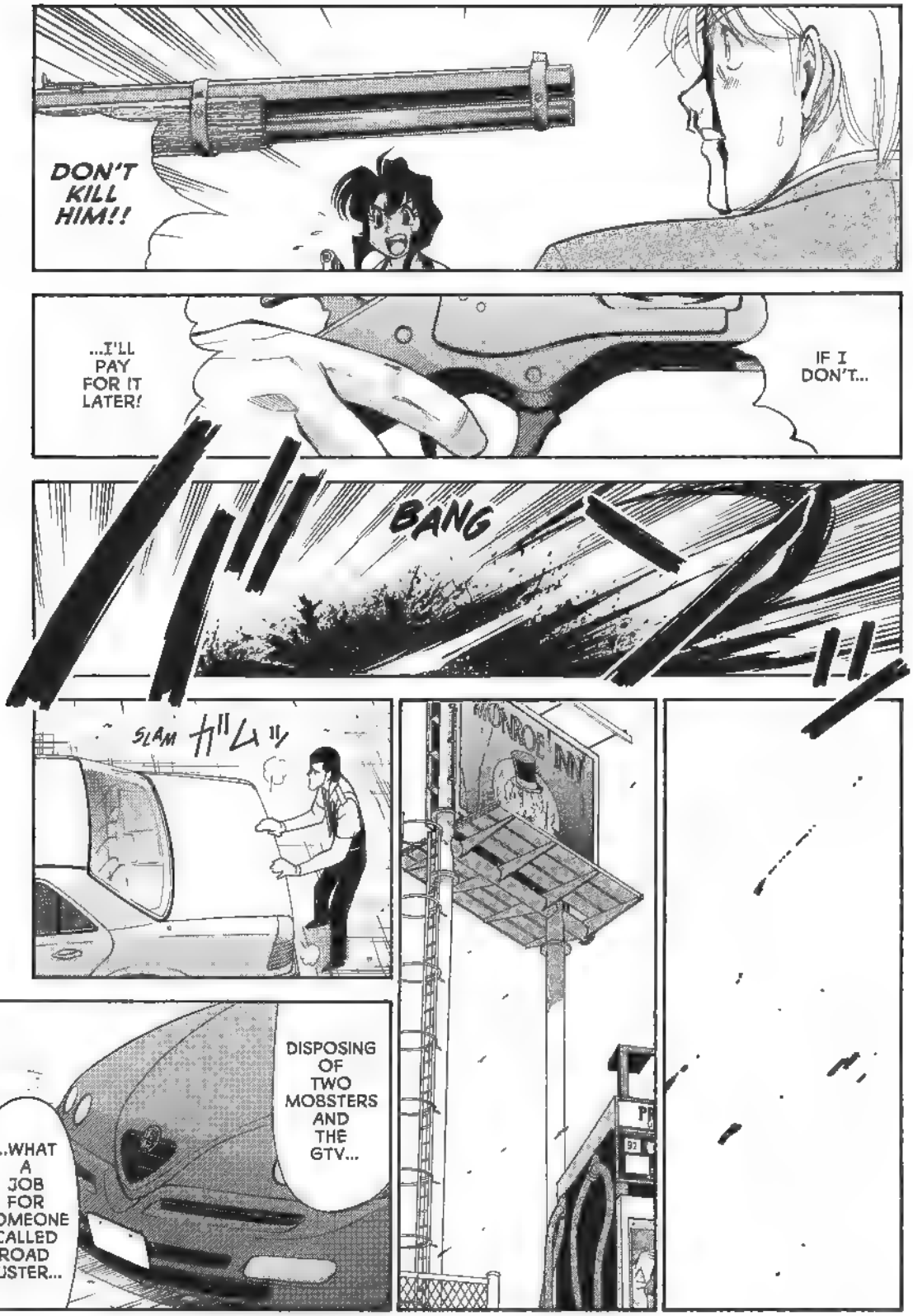
CHEW モギュ CHEW モギュ
CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH
PLOP
ぽしっ…
SPAM
HOLY--
SPAM
ONCE HE'S DONE EATING WILL HE ATTACK US TO PROTECT VINCENT?
THE CAN, TOO?
DID HE REALLY MEAN WHAT HE SAID?
GULP
I PUT DOWN MY WEAPON!
CLUNK
ゴトッ

THIS IS NOT GOOD!
I'LL KILL BEAN AND THE CRONE...
THEN I'LL GET HER USING THE CAR.
SWOOSH!
BANG
CHCHING
BANG

TINK
TINK
TINK
TINK
SHING
CRACK
BRAPPA
RAPP
VINCENT...
SHOVE
BABABAM

CHING
GRAB
BEAN?!
PATOO
THWAP
AAHH!

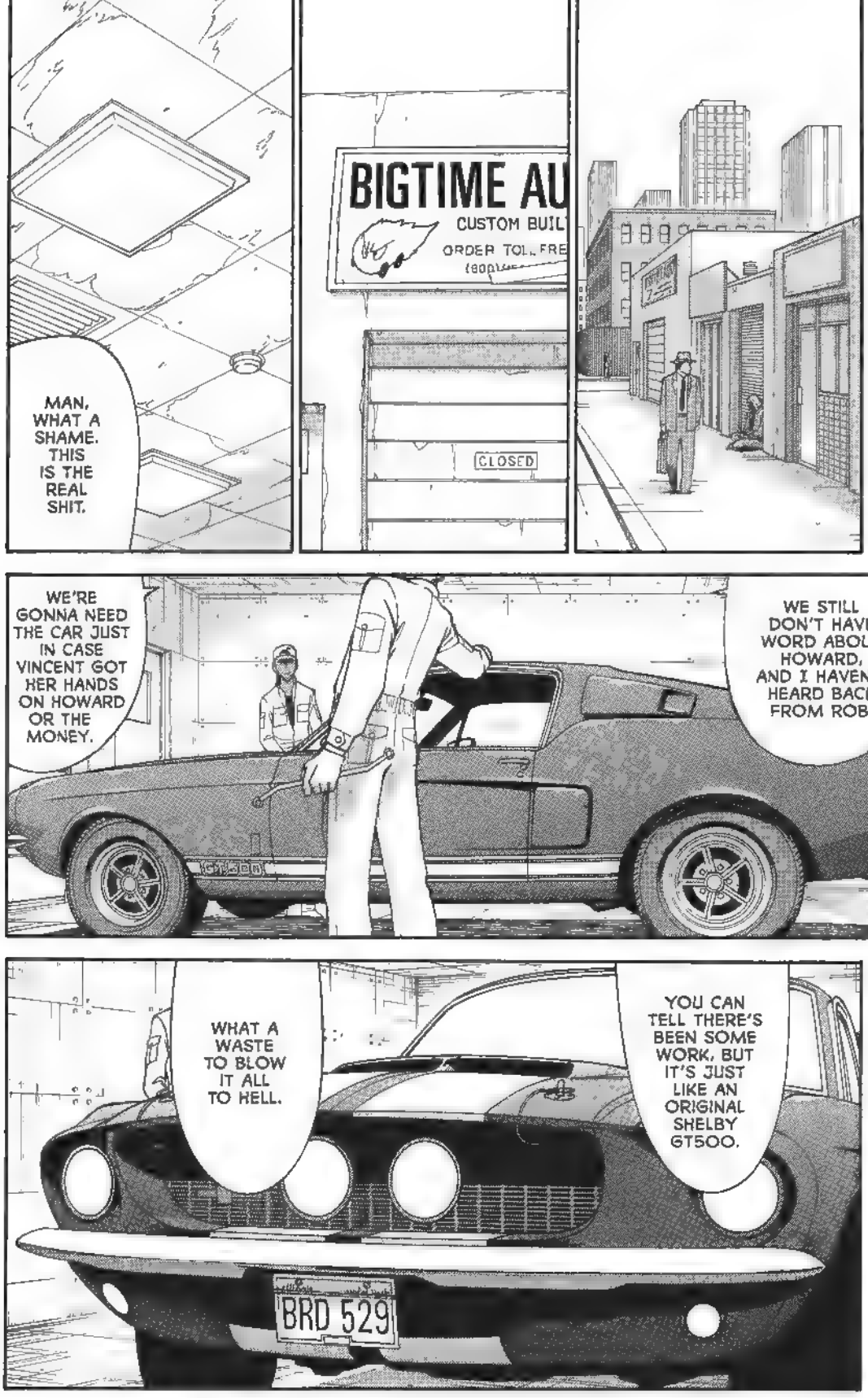
BANG
KYAAAAHHH!!
THUD
WHAT DID YOU ...?!
CHCHK
=PHEW=
OH... MY... GOD...!
DRIP
DRIP


DON'T KILL HIM!!
...I'LL PAY FOR IT LATER!
IF I DON'T...
BANG
SLAM
MONROE INN
DISPOSING OF TWO MOBSTERS AND THE GTV...
...WHAT A JOB FOR SOMEONE CALLED ROAD BUSTER...

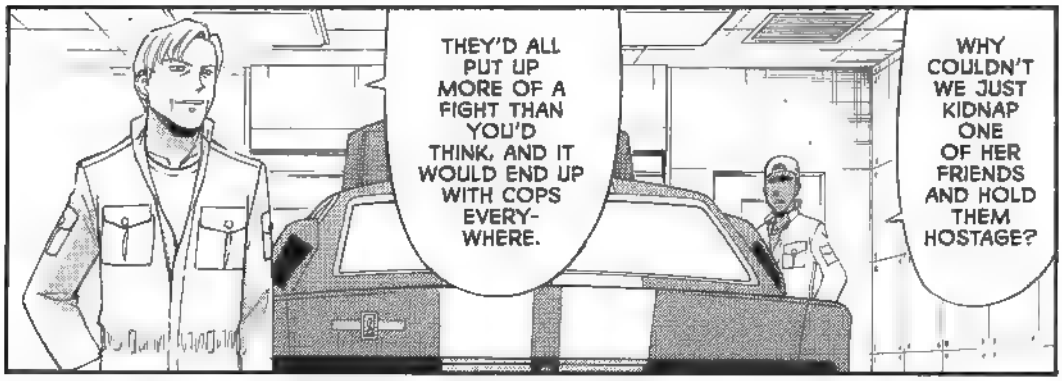
NOW IT'S OFF TO ROUND TWO.
ROUND TWO? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ROUND TWO?
VROOM
ZOOM
I'VE STILL GOT LOTS OF PROBLEMS TO FIX.
WE SHOULDN'T HAVE LET INNOCENTS GET INVOLVED.
SHE'S NOT SO INNOCENT.
BE SURE TO STAY TIGHT-LIPPED.
OTHER MOBSTERS ARE SURE TO COME BY TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED.
CHAIR
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GIVE HALF OF MY MONEY TO THE HAG!
IF WE HADN'T COME HERE, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN INVOLVED.
YOU SHOULD HAVE SPLIT THE MONEY WITH *ME* AND LET HOWARD ESCAPE.

CHAPTER 4/END

CHAPTER 5 *Gimme more slices of take!*


MAN, WHAT A SHAME. THIS IS THE REAL SHIT.
BIGTIME AU
CUSTOM BUIL
ORDER TOL FRE
CLOSED
WE'RE GONNA NEED THE CAR JUST IN CASE VINCENT GOT HER HANDS ON HOWARD OR THE MONEY.
WE STILL DON'T HAVE WORD ABOUT HOWARD, AND I HAVEN'T HEARD BACK FROM ROB
WHAT A WASTE TO BLOW IT ALL TO HELL.
YOU CAN TELL THERE'S BEEN SOME WORK, BUT IT'S JUST LIKE AN ORIGINAL SHELBY GT500.
BRD 529

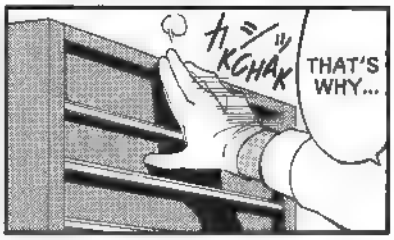
THIS IN ITSELF WOULD FETCH BUCKS ON THE WEB.
THAT'S AN ORIGINAL COBRA AIR CLEANER COVER!
JUST LOOK AT THIS.
KA-CHUNK
HEY. IF WE'RE JUST GONNA BLOW IT UP ANYWAYS, WHY DON'T WE SWAP OUT THE ENGINE?
AND EVEN MORE IF THE ENGINE CAME WITH IT!
IF WE TRY TO SWITCH ANYTHING OUT AND SOMEONE DISCOVERS IT, WE'LL TAKE THE FALL FOR THE BOMB-ING.
WHY DO YOU THINK WE'RE WIPING OUR PRINTS AND SHIT?
NO.
BETTER YET. LET'S USE A WHOLE FAKE CAR?
WE'RE GOING TO BLOW UP THE CAR IF WE DON'T GET THE MONEY BACK. WE HAVE TO HURT VINCENT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.


THEY'D ALL PUT UP MORE OF A FIGHT THAN YOU'D THINK, AND IT WOULD END UP WITH COPS EVERY-WHERE.
WHY COULDN'T WE JUST KIDNAP ONE OF HER FRIENDS AND HOLD THEM HOSTAGE?

YOU'RE *SURE* SHE WON'T REPORT THE THEFT TO THE POLICE?

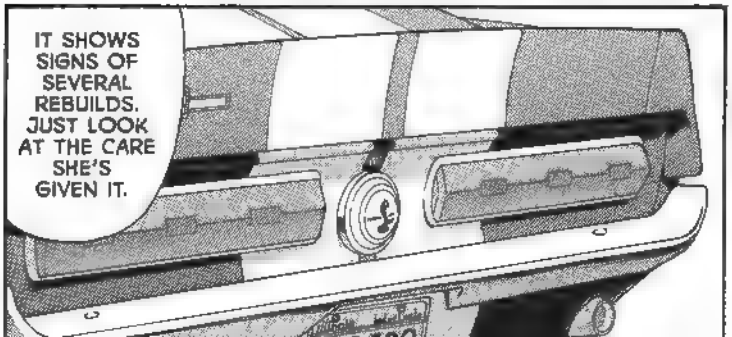
...THE LITTLE TERRORISM PLOY WE HAVE IN STORE FOR THE GT500 BRINGS THE GUYS SHE *DOESN'T* WANT TO DEAL WITH--THE FBI AND CIA.

I'VE HEARD THEY EVEN TOOK DOWN "IRON GOLDIE," AND LOOK AT HOW SHE RULED CHICAGO BEFORE THAT.
CLICK

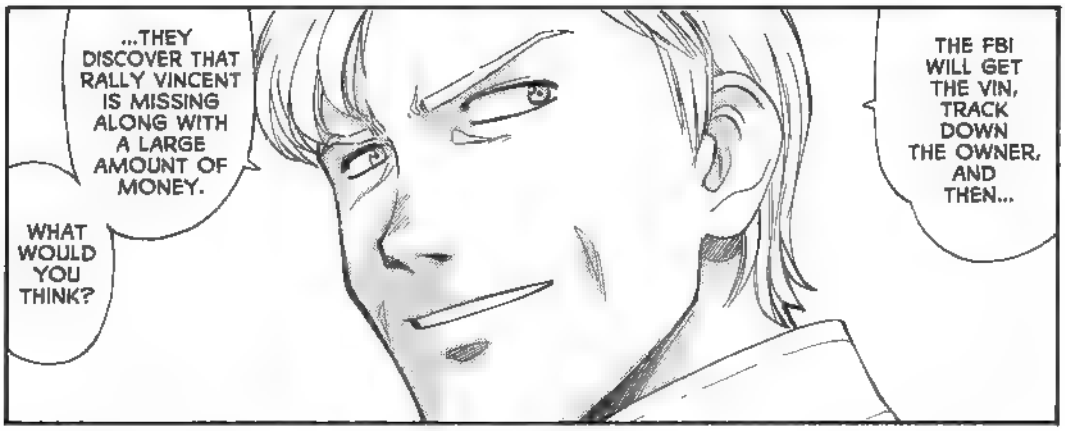

KCHAK
THAT'S WHY...

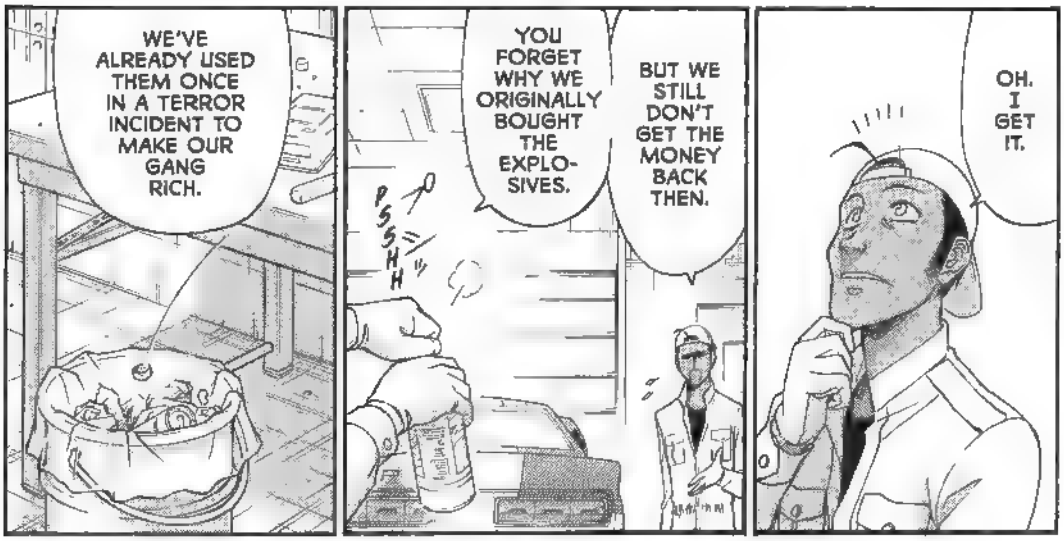
SHE *LOVES* IT!
I KNEW IT THE MO-MENT I SAW THIS CAR.

AND I KNOW SHE WON'T.
THE NOTE WE LEFT WARNED AGAINST IT.


IT SHOWS SIGNS OF SEVERAL REBUILDS. JUST LOOK AT THE CARE SHE'S GIVEN IT.

IF SHE DOES THE "TERROR" HAPPENS.
THEY COULD SPLIT THE MONEY AND SHE'D HAVE ENOUGH TO BUY ANOTHER GT500.
I HEARD THAT HOWARD STOLE OVER TEN MIL.
CHUNK


...THEY DISCOVER THAT RALLY VINCENT IS MISSING ALONG WITH A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY.
WHAT WOULD YOU THINK?
THE FBI WILL GET THE VIN, TRACK DOWN THE OWNER, AND THEN...


WE'VE ALREADY USED THEM ONCE IN A TERROR INCIDENT TO MAKE OUR GANG RICH.
PSSHH
YOU FORGET WHY WE ORIGINALLY BOUGHT THE EXPLO-SIVES.
BUT WE STILL DON'T GET THE MONEY BACK THEN.
OH. I GET IT.

EVEN IF WE DO GET THE MONEY BACK, IT'S STILL GOING TO BLOW. THAT'S HOW WE MAKE MONEY.
THE ONLY THING DIFFERENT THIS TIME IS THAT IT'LL BE IN A GT500

WHEN I GET DONE WITH EVERTHING, EVEN THE CIA WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND ANY EVIDENCE.
IT'S THE LEAST I COULD DO FOR CHICAGO'S FAMOUS ROAD BUSTER.
CHAK

I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH.
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR.

THAT'S TWO BODIES AND ONE CAR.
THANKS FOR MEETING US AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE.
CLANG

DON'T WORRY. WE HAVE NO BEEF WITH THE TEXAS MOB. WE'RE HEADING BACK TO ILLINOIS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
I WOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT IF THEY'D BEEN LOCALS.
SLAP
AN-OTHER COST.
WHERE'S VIN-CENT?
PEOPLE SURE SPEND FREELY WHEN THEY KNOW THERE'S PLENTY MORE TO COME.
WE GAVE FOUR HUNDRED GRAND TO THE WOMAN AT THE STAND, AND NOW SEVENTY GRAND TO DISPOSE OF THE BODIES.

SHE'S BEEN ON EVER SINCE WE GOT BACK IN RANGE.

IS SHE TALKING WITH HER PEOPLE, OR THE POLICE, OR WHAT?

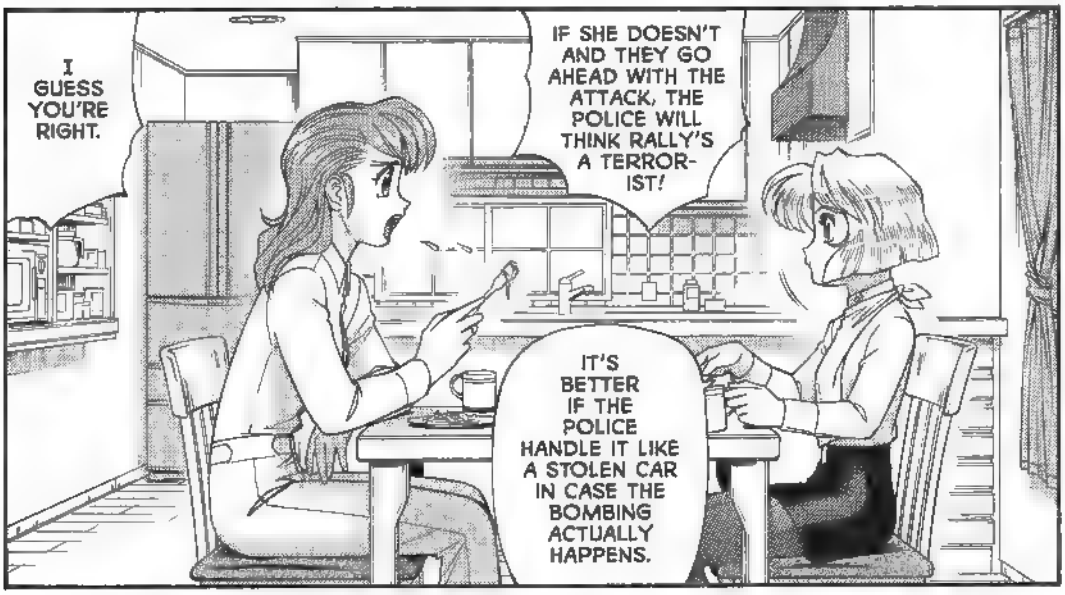
WE'RE LEAV-ING!
HER ATTITUDE MIGHT CHANGE THE MOMENT WE GET THE OTHER MILLIONS. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

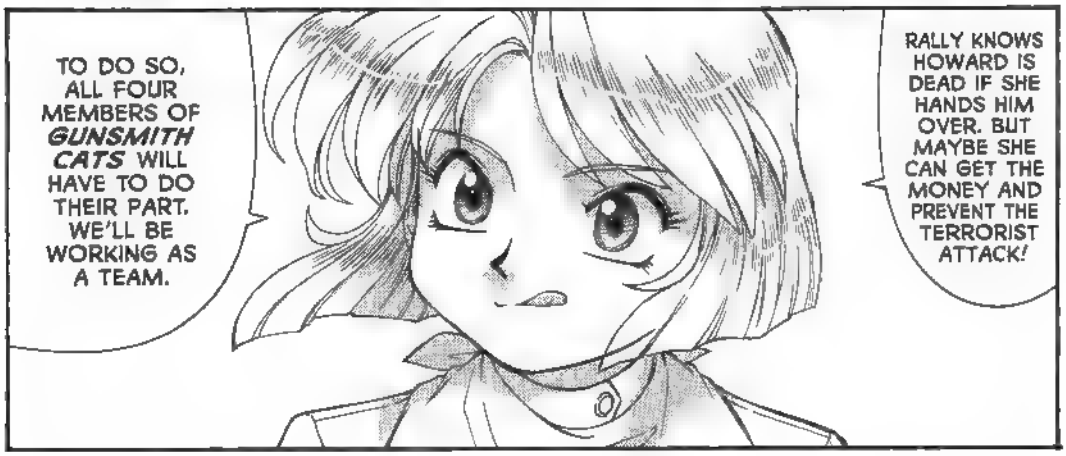
RUMBLE
VROOM
MEAT-PO
VROOM
HONK

CLICK
LET'S GET GOING TOO.
RUMBLE
TEXAS
JFK 357
VROOM

DON'T LOOK SO HAPPY! I'M ALREADY OUT TWO-THIRDS OF MY MONEY!
NOW, LET'S GO FIND THIS TREASURE.
TOO LATE FOR THAT.
IF IT WASN'T FOR US, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY-- OR YOUR LIFE!
BRMB
IF SHE HADN'T FOUND ME, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE EITHER!
DOES SHE KNOW THEY PLAN TO USE IT IN A FAKE TERRORIST ATTACK?
Gunsmith Ca
RALLY SAID NOT TO TELL THE POLICE?!

WE DON'T WANT THE POLICE TO GET TOO NOSY.
SHE SAID THAT SHE HAS HOWARD AND TOOK CARE OF THE MEN WHO WERE FOLLOWING THEM.
SHE NEEDS TO REPORT THE THEFT, AND MAYBE EVEN THE EXTORTION!
IS THERE ANY GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL STOP THE TERRORIST ATTACK IF SHE HANDS OVER HOWARD AND THE MONEY?


I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
IF SHE DOESN'T AND THEY GO AHEAD WITH THE ATTACK, THE POLICE WILL THINK RALLY'S A TERRORIST!
IT'S BETTER IF THE POLICE HANDLE IT LIKE A STOLEN CAR IN CASE THE BOMBING ACTUALLY HAPPENS.


TO DO SO, ALL FOUR MEMBERS OF *GUNSMITH CATS* WILL HAVE TO DO THEIR PART. WE'LL BE WORKING AS A TEAM.
RALLY KNOWS HOWARD IS DEAD IF SHE HANDS HIM OVER. BUT MAYBE SHE CAN GET THE MONEY AND PREVENT THE TERRORIST ATTACK!

YOU SHOULD *ASK* BEFORE YOU INCLUDE ME.
ALL FOUR?
THERE'S NO WAY SUCH A ROSY PLAN WILL WORK.
I'LL SIT, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I PLAN TO DIRTY MY HANDS IN THIS TERRORIST BUSINESS.
I'M AN INDE-PENDENT INFORM-ANT.
HEY THERE! I MADE EXTRA PASTA. HAVE A SEAT.
BECKY!

ARE YOU SURE?
BE-FORE YOU SAY THAT...
...RALLY JUST CALLED AND SAID SHE WAS ON HER WAY WITH HOWARD AND THE $30 MILLION.
TWITCH
IF YOU JOIN US, PART OF THAT WILL BE YOURS.
KTAK
THAT'S EXACTLY HOW MUCH YOU SAID THERE WOULD BE.
HOW 'BOUT IT?
THAT'S MORE THAN YOU GET FOR YOUR "GOLDEN INFO."

SLAP
PART-NERS !!
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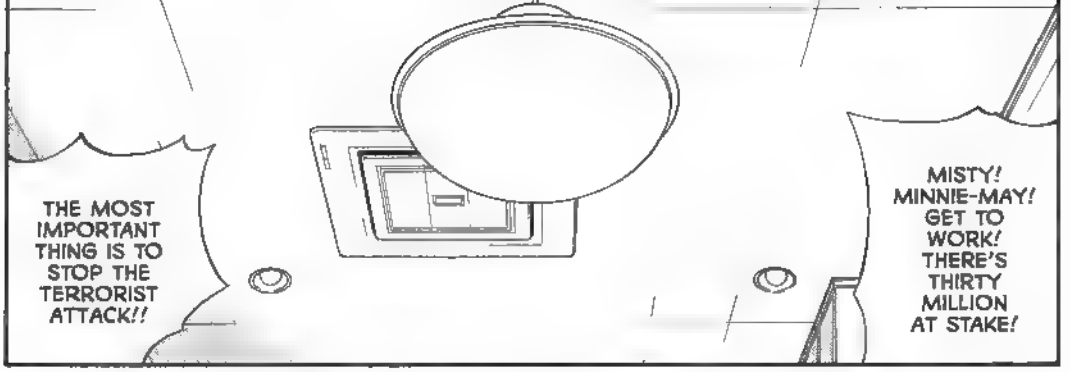
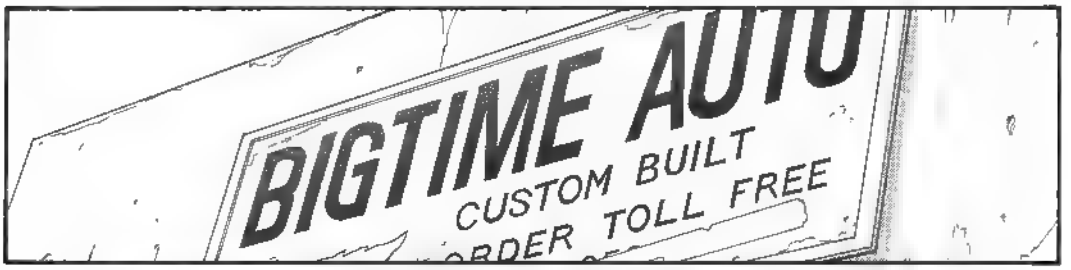
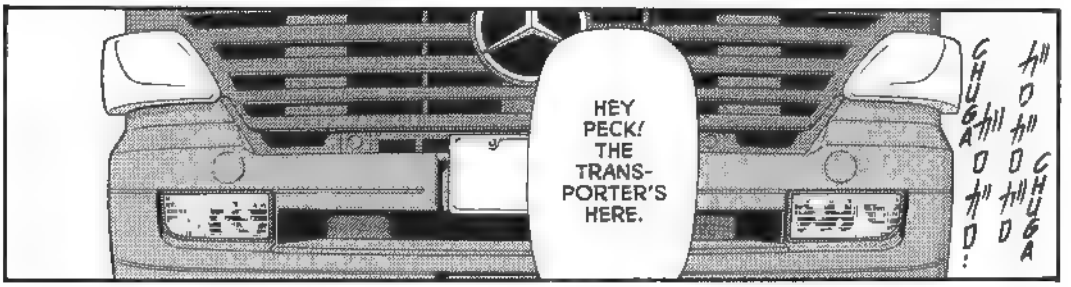
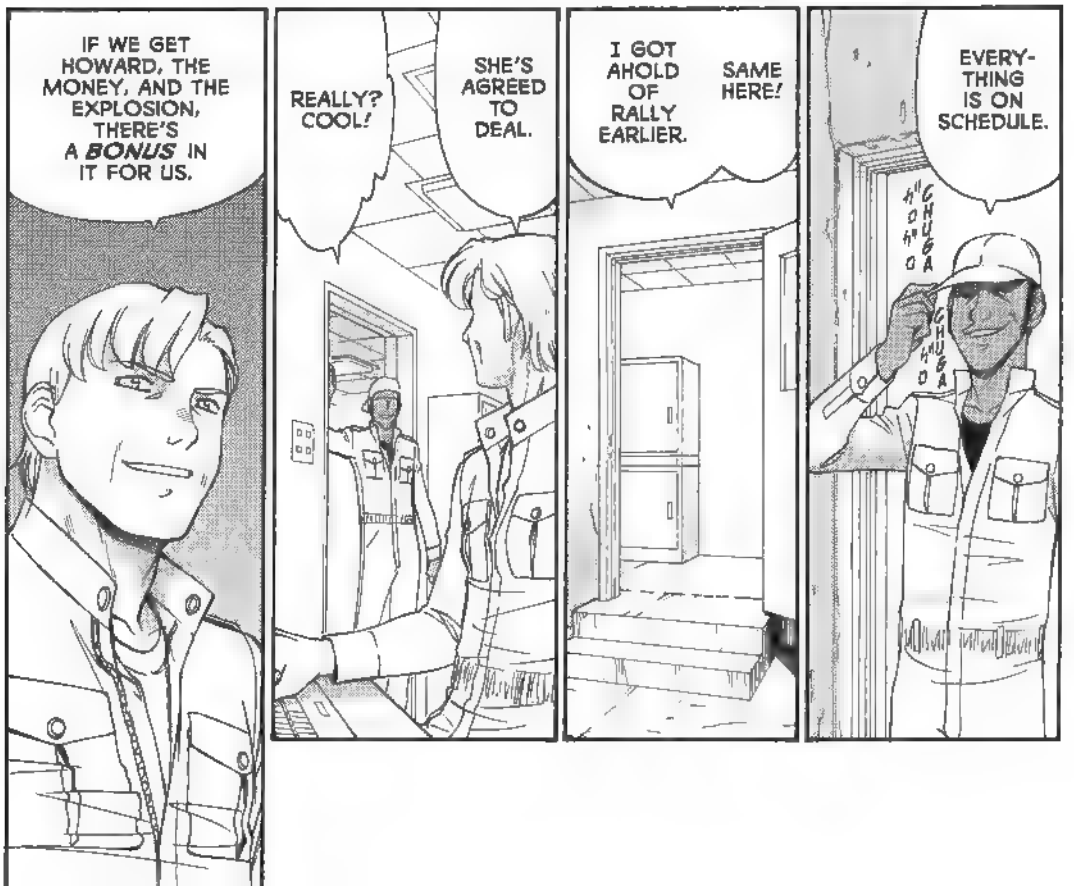
.....
TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK
WE HAVE NO IDEA WHEN THE ATTACK MIGHT TAKE PLACE. IT MIGHT ALREADY BE TOO LATE!
DID RALLY SAY WHAT SHE WAS DOING TO BUY TIME? CALL HER NOW TO FIND OUT?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? WE HAVE TO FIND THE GT500!
I'LL USE MY OWN PRIVATE NETWORK TO PUT OUT A REWARD FOR INFO ON THE GT500. I'LL NEED EXTRA FOR EXPENSES!
HA HA!
I'M GOING TO BORROW YOUR COMPUTER AND PHONE! I'M GIVING THE ORDERS AROUND HERE!


THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO STOP THE TERRORIST ATTACK!!
MISTY! MINNIE-MAY! GET TO WORK! THERE'S THIRTY MILLION AT STAKE!


BIGTIME AUTO
CUSTOM BUILT


HEY PECK! THE TRANS-PORTER'S HERE.
GHUGA GHUGA GHUGA GHUGA!


IF WE GET HOWARD, THE MONEY, AND THE EXPLOSION, THERE'S A BONUS IN IT FOR US.
REALLY? COOL!
SHE'S AGREED TO DEAL.
I GOT AHOLD OF RALLY EARLIER.
SAME HERE!
EVERY-THING IS ON SCHEDULE.
GHUGA GHUGA GHUGA

SILVER STAR BANK.

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I GUESS...
A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AT A MINOR BANK. AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY.

FIFTY OR SIXTY GRAND.
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THUD
ZIP
SECURITY IS STRICT THESE DAYS WHEN YOU TRY TO MOVE LARGE SUMS OF MONEY. THEY ALWAYS CHECK YOUR ID.
THE PASSPORTS AND DRIVERS LICENSES... THEY'RE ALL FAKE.
FOUR... FIVE... ENOUGH FOR TWELVE PEOPLE.
AND A BANK BOOK, CREDIT CARD, AND ID'S.
THEY'RE ALL PEOPLE WHACKED BY THE MOB. THEIR BODIES WILL NEVER BE FOUND.
THEY'RE ALL REAL NAMES.

IF YOU ADD EVERYTHING UP FROM THE TWELVE ACCOUNTS AND WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE, IT'S ONLY TWENTY-FIVE MIL.
WAIT.
VROOM
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU PLANNED TO CONSOLIDATE ALL THE MONEY FROM THE ACCOUNTS JUST BEFORE YOU LEFT. THAT'S IT, HUH?
I GUESS WE'LL TAKE THAT OUT OF *YOUR* CUT.
I'M A FREE SPENDER. I BOUGHT THE GTV, AND WOMEN. AND THEN THERE'S EVERYTHING YOU TWO SPENT.
WAIT! I SAID I WOULD *"HIRE"* YOU.
YOU SAID THAT'S HOW MUCH YOU'D PAY ME.
I'M TAKING AT LEAST TEN MIL.
IF YOU DON'T, YOU CAN'T HAVE THAT MUCH.
IF YOU WANT TEN MIL, THEN YOU HAVE TO WORK FOR ME. DROP RALLY OFF NOW AND DO AS I SAY!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU'D HELP WHOEVER FED YOU!
BEAN! LET'S NOT FORGET WHO GAVE YOU THE FOOD WHEN YOU WERE HUNGRY!
AND IT WAS *MY* MONEY YOU GAVE TO THAT OLD CRONE!
YOU STILL HAVEN'T *PAID* HIM YET!
ROAD BUSTER! I'VE HEARD THAT YOU NEVER BREAK A DEAL!
WHOSE MONEY DID WE USE TO BUY US ALL NEW CLOTHES? *MINE!*
YOU'RE A PRO WHO SERVES THE CLIENT WHO PAYS. ACT LIKE ONE.
I WON'T TRY TO CHEAT YOU LIKE OTHER CRIMINALS WILL.
HMM...

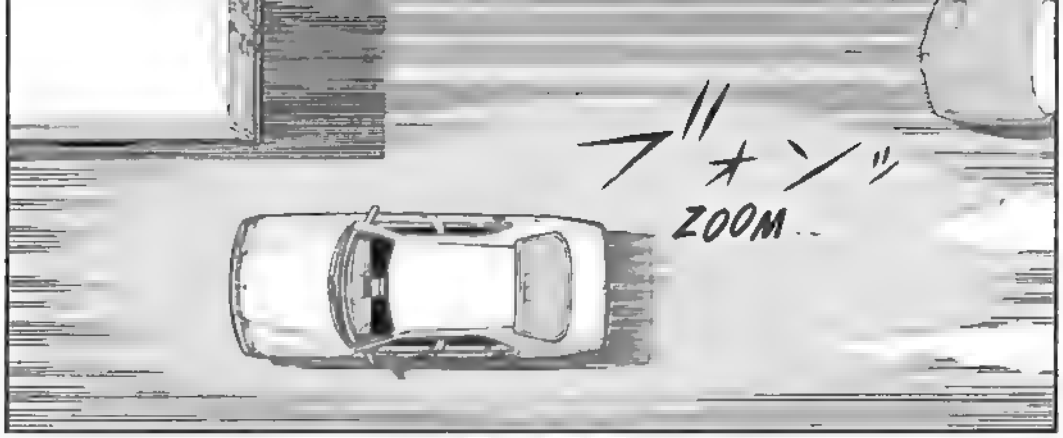
CHAPTER 5/END

CHAPTER 6 RETURN

RALLY VINCENT! THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOU TO BOTHER WITH ME ANY MORE.
THAT'S A BETTER DEAL THAN YOU'D GET BY HANDING ME OVER TO THE POLICE.
THEY CONTACTED ME BACK IN TEXAS.
MY SHELBY COBRA GT500.
HOWARD. THE MEMBERS OF YOUR MOB FAMILY STOLE MY CAR FROM MY HOUSE.
HUH?
I'M GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE.
YOU DID GREAT.
NOW, GIVE ME THE BRIEF-CASE.
YOU CAN BUY SEVERAL CARS WITH A MILLION DOLLARS.
WHAT ?!
WHAT ARE YOU WHINING ABOUT?

IF I DON'T HAND YOU OVER, THEY'RE GOING TO USE MY GT500 IN A TERRORIST ATTACK TO KILL INNOCENT CHILDREN.
YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND.
RALLY! YOU HAVETO TELL THE POLICE! YOU DON'T WANT TO BE BLAMED FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT'
YOU'RE BLUF-FING.
I'LL GIVE YOU THE CASH ONCE THINGS HAVE COOLED DOWN.
IF YOU GO BACK EMPTY HANDED, THEY MAY STILL INVESTIGATE YOU, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T COME UNDER SUSPICION.
...IF WE CAN SAVE KIDS FROM DYING, I'D LIKE TO TRY.
YES, BUT...

EVEN IF YOU HAND OVER BOTH ME AND THE MONEY, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THEY WON'T GO DO THE ATTACK ANYWAY.
WHAT ABOUT EVERYTHING YOU DID TO GET US THIS FAR?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING? ARE YOU GOING TO SELL US OUT? DO YOU WANT ME DEAD?
AND YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN AVERT THE ATTACK AND HAVE A HAPPY ENDING?
YOU'RE IN LA LA LAND !!
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF HANDING YOU OVER...
...AND THE MONEY WILL JUST BE A DECOY TO GET INFO AND HELP!
I NEVER PLANNED TO BETRAY YOU!
I WANT YOUR HELP!
PUSH
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT, RALLY!


ZOOM...

YOU KNOW, IF YOU JUMP AT THIS SPEED, YOU'LL GET REALLY HURT.
WAS I RIGHT?

WORRIED I'LL JUMP FROM THE CAR AND TAKE THE CASE WITH ME?
WHAT'S WRONG?

GIVE THE BRIEFCASE TO HOWARD.
AND YOU'LL BE ON FOOT.
WE MAY BE GOING UNDER FIFTY, BUT THE ASPHALT IS HARD.

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YOU HEARD HIM! HAND IT OVER!

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KCHAK
NOW!
WOOSH
ZA
SHIT!
HOW DID...?!
WHAT THE...?!

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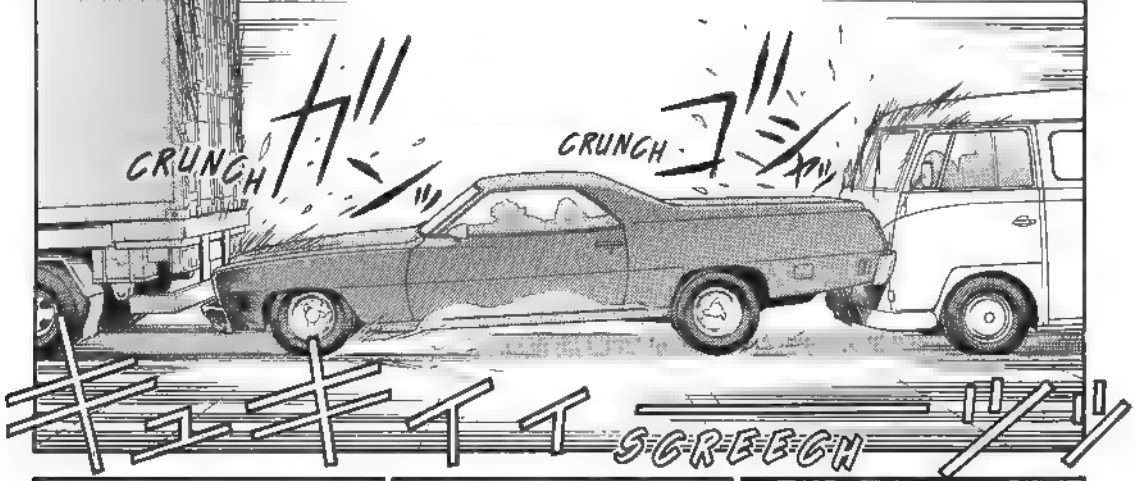
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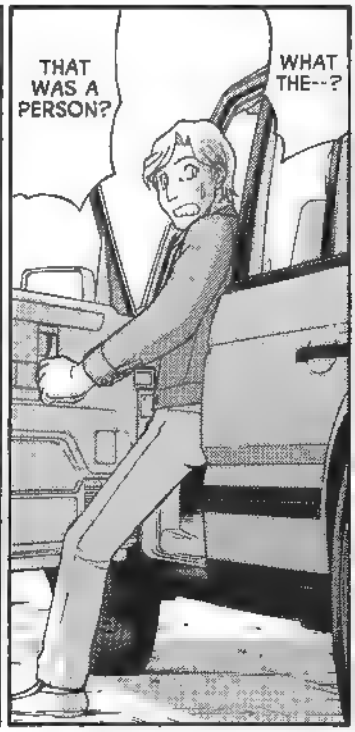
HELP ME!
I'M BEING CHASED BY BAD MEN.


THAT WAS A PERSON?
WHAT THE--?

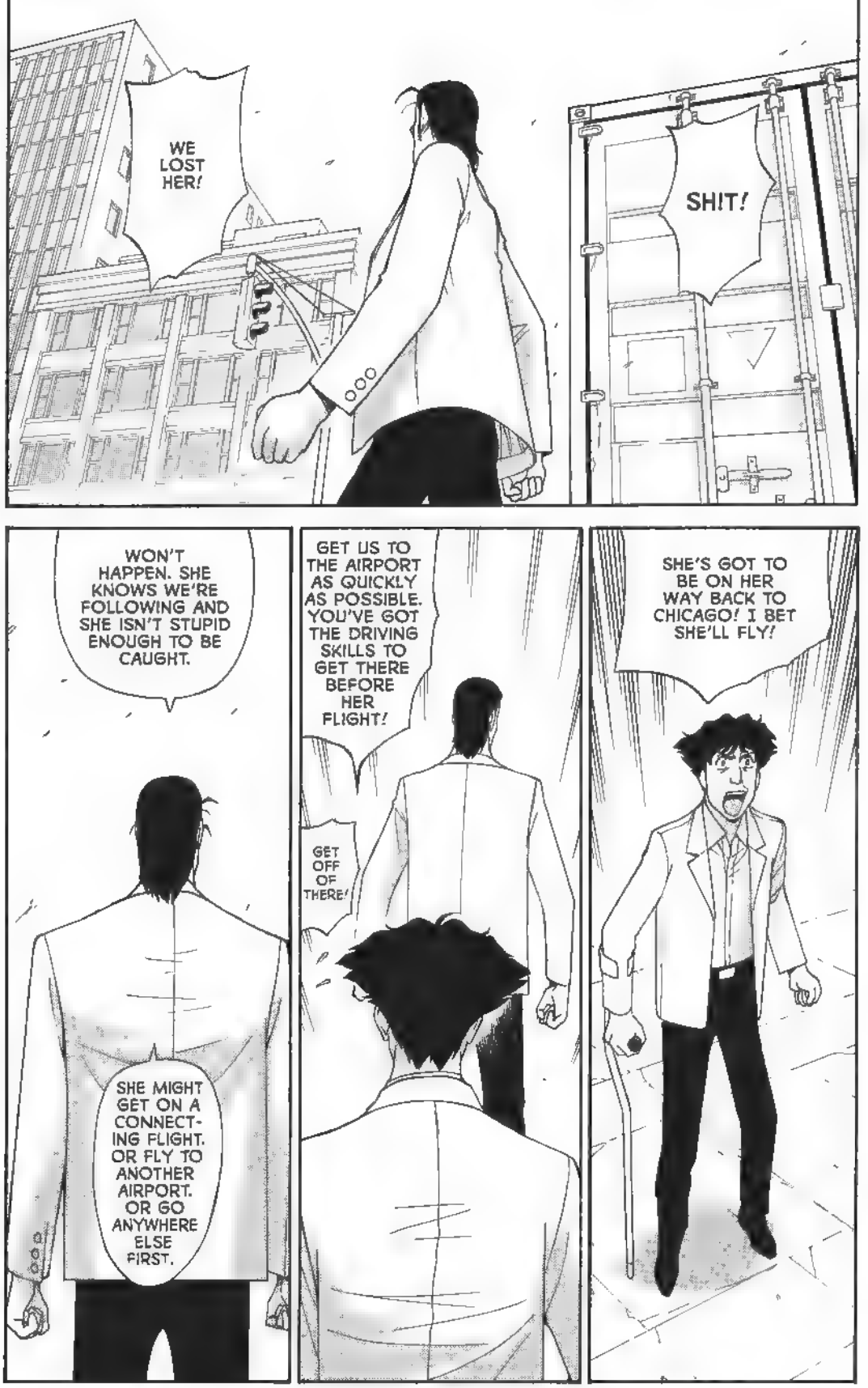
TUG
RIP

THE MEN IN THAT MERCEDES ABDUCTED ME.
I JUMPED ON TO YOUR CAR TO ESCAPE.

ARE YOU AL-RIGHT?

YOU CAN TRUST ME! GET IN!
THEY'RE STILL ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT TRUCK.
THEY MUST BE WAITING FOR THEIR CHANCE.
PLEASE, CAN YOU HELP ME GET OUT OF HERE?
I'M SO SORRY...
...BUT I THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO RAPE ME!
HUH?
BAM
SCREECH
THANK YOU!!
GRASP

GOT IT.
AT LEAST GET THE BRIEF-CASE!
CLANG
HUP!
HRM...
HEY! GET OFF MY HOOD!
KRUNCH
GET OUTTA THE WAY!
MOVE IT, YOU IDIOT!
HONK
GET HER! NOW!
THAT BITCH !!
I CAN'T RUN.
KACHAK
STUPID TRUCK DRIVER!
CALL THE POLICE!


WE LOST HER!
SHIT!
WON'T HAPPEN. SHE KNOWS WE'RE FOLLOWING AND SHE ISN'T STUPID ENOUGH TO BE CAUGHT.
SHE MIGHT GET ON A CONNECTING FLIGHT. OR FLY TO ANOTHER AIRPORT. OR GO ANYWHERE ELSE FIRST.
GET US TO THE AIRPORT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. YOU'VE GOT THE DRIVING SKILLS TO GET THERE BEFORE HER FLIGHT!
GET OFF OF THERE!
SHE'S GOT TO BE ON HER WAY BACK TO CHICAGO! I BET SHE'LL FLY!

WE'LL HAVE TO GO TO GUN-SMITH LATER
WHAT?!
BABE

GUN-SMITH CATS.
CLICK
RING
RING
Gunsmith Cats
RING

IT'S ME. BECKY
WHO IS IT? BEAN? HOW'VE YOU BEEN?

WE'D BE HAPPY IF YOU'D HELP US THWART THE TERRORIST ATTACK.
RALLY JUST CALLED SHE SURE HAD A LOT TO SAY

BOTH MINNIE-MAY AND MISTY ARE OUT

I WANT TO KNOW WHEN AND WHERE SHE'S MEETING THE MOB
IF YOU BRING HOWARD, WE'LL BE GLAD TO TELL YOU.

BUT I CAN'T SAY MORE OVER THE PHONE.
RALLY? OH, SHE'S ALREADY IN CHICAGO

I WANT TO TALK TO RALLLY
YOU KNOW HER NUMBER
SHE ONLY TURNS ON HER PHONE WHEN SHE WANTS TO CALL SOMEONE
SIGH
THEY SAID THEY'LL TALK IF YOU COME ALONG
PAK
I'M NOTHING BUT A BARGAINING CHIP TO HER.
DON'T FORGET THAT WE'VE ONLY COME TO CHICAGO TO GET THE BANK BOOKS AND ID'S BACK
I GIVE YOU MY WORD THAT YOU WON'T BE HANDED OVER TO THE MOB
YOU'RE MY *CLIENT* NOW
STILL YOU'LL HAVE TO DO AS I SAY IF WE WANT TO GET THE GOODS BACK

VROOM

R-U-M-B-L-E R-U-M-B-L-E R-U-M-B-L-E
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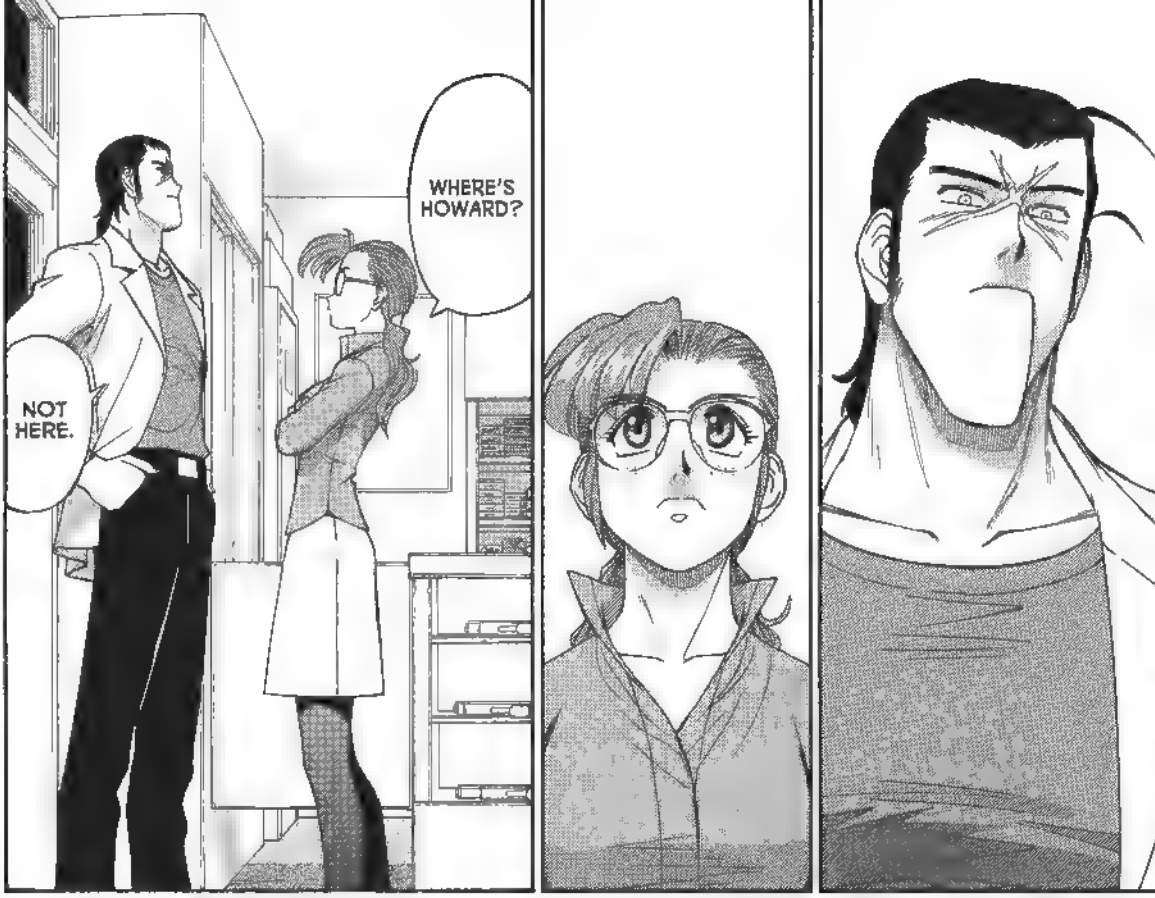
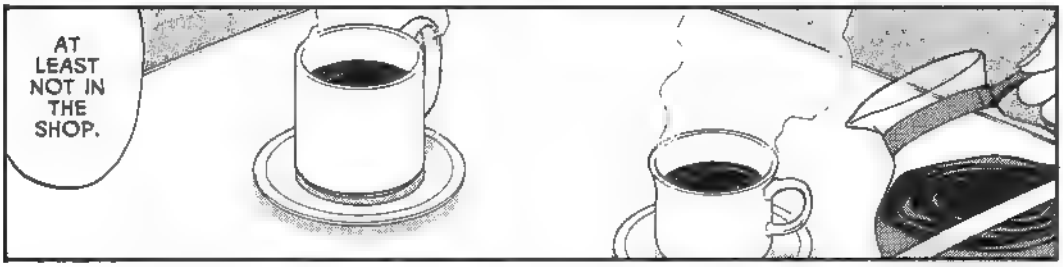
ONLY MET THEM IN PASSING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR EVERYDAY JOBS WERE.
THE THREE WHO ATTACKED YOU ARE FROM THE SAME GANG, RIGHT? DO YOU HAVE ANY INFO ABOUT THEM?
IF WE ADD THAT TO WHAT YOU'VE GOT, WE HAVE A CLEARER PICTURE.
ズォン…
VROOM
RALLY AND HER GROUP ARE SURE TO HAVE INSIDE INFORMATION TOO
SINCE YOU'RE THE LARGEST DEALER OF CHINESE MEDICINES IN CHICAGO, I THOUGHT YOU WOULD KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THEM.
THE COHNS MOB? THEY'RE NOT VERY BIG, AND THEY ONLY DEAL IN DRUGS AND GUNS.

RALLY CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT THAT HER BELOVED CAR WILL BE USED TO KILL CHILDREN.
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF HOWARD, AND NOTHING ABOUT PLANNING TERRORIST ATTACKS.
THAT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY.
OKAY!
PHOO
IF THEY GET THEM THE SAME PLACE THEY GET THEIR DRUGS, I THINK I KNOW WHERE IT IS.
I'LL TRY TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR DEALINGS IN EXPLOSIVES.
I CAN'T HELP YOU FIND THE CAR, THOUGH.
WE'RE DOING OUR BEST.
YOU'RE THE GREAT-EST!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!

CHAPTER 6 / END

CHAPTER 7 DEAL


WHERE'S HOWARD?
NOT HERE.


AT LEAST NOT IN THE SHOP.

THEY WEREN'T WAITING TO AMBUSH YOU AT THE AIRPORT? YOU WERE WITH MOB MEMBERS WHEN YOU LEFT. THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOUR CAR AND WHERE YOU PARKED.
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD BRING HIM.
WE HAVE TO ASSUME YOU'RE BEING WATCHED.

WE'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER PLACE TO MEET.
I SEE. WE'RE IN A BIND BECAUSE THEY KNOW EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE. RALLY CAN'T COME HOME.
AND I HAD SOMEONE ELSE TAKE ME TO THE AIRPORT WHEN WE LEFT.
WE USED A DIFFERENT AIRPORT.
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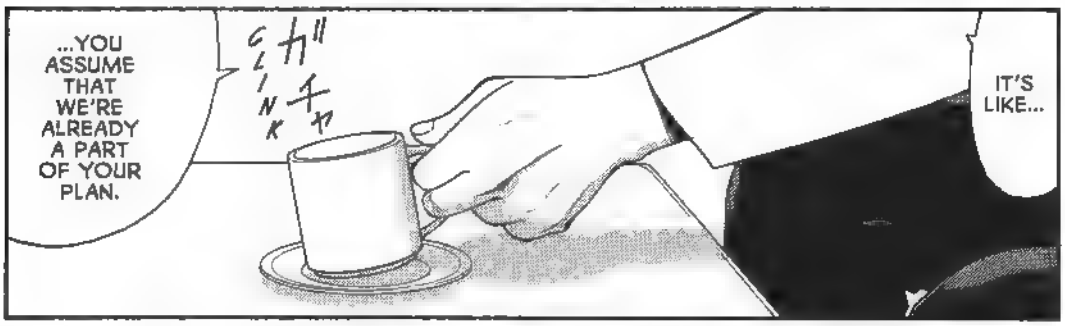

...YOU ASSUME THAT WE'RE ALREADY A PART OF YOUR PLAN.
IT'S LIKE...

I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY WE HAVE THE UPPER HAND.
SEEING HOW RALLY HAS YOUR ID'S AND BANK BOOKS...
HA.

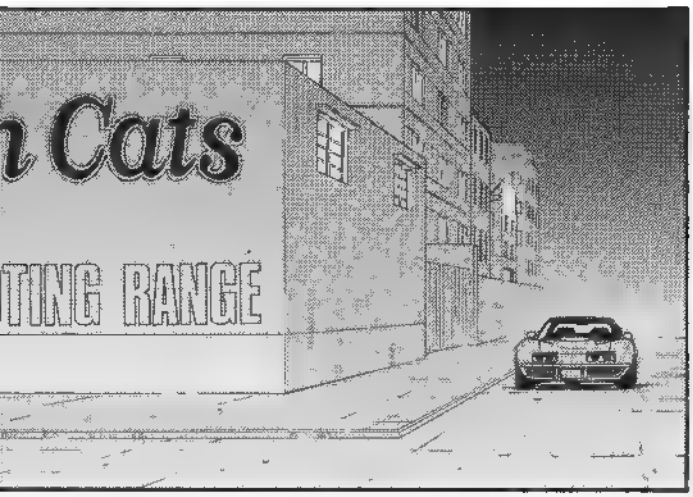
WELL NOW...

GRAB

WHAT HAPPENS IF SHE FAILS IN HER NEGOTIATIONS AND LOSES EVERY-THING?!
RALLY IS A TRAITOR !!
WE TOLD HER NOT TO TAKE THE GOODS!

AND IT DOESN'T MATTER IF SHE DEALS WITH THEM IN GOOD FAITH. THE TERRORIST ATTACK CAN STILL HAPPEN.
NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, THE MOB WILL DEVISE A WAY TO GET THE MONEY OUT OF THOSE ACCOUNTS!

IF IT WAS *YOUR* CAR, YOU'D DO THE SAME, WOULDN'T YOU?
WOMEN AND CHILDREN MIGHT *DIE* IN THE ATTACK.
IF THEY DON'T TELL US, YOU STILL GET EVERY-THING.
I...I'M SURE I EXPLAINED THAT OUR INTENTION IS NOT TO DEAL. IT'S JUST A PLOY TO STOP THE TERRORIST ATTACK.
EVEN IF WE ONLY FIND OUT WHERE THE GTSOO IS, WE CAN STOP INNOCENT PEOPLE FROM BEING KILLED.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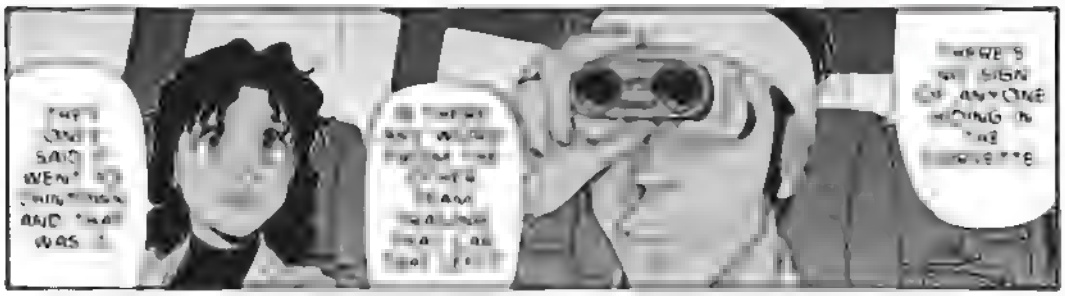
TIP...

ROAD BUSTER CAME ON HIS OWN.


THERE'S NO SIGN OF ANYONE MOVING IN THE

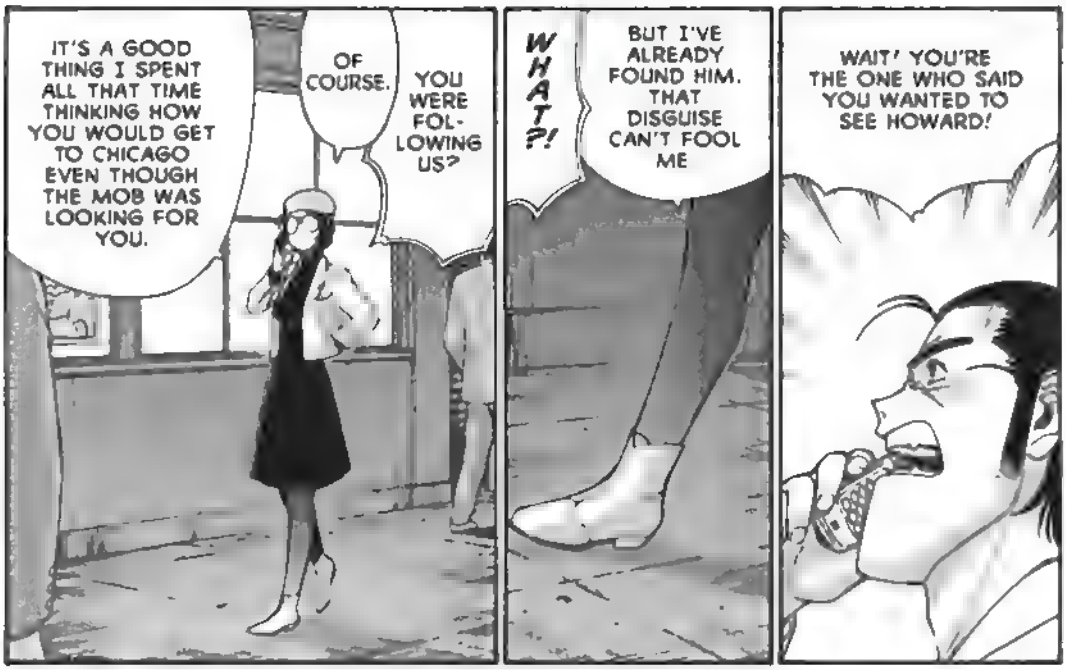
SHE MAY BE A BUSTER SHOT, BUT SHE'S NOT HERE. WHY DON'T WE TAKE HIM OUT?
ROAD BUSTER MIGHT HAVE NO IDEA THAT "PULSE" BLAST ARM
THERE ALL DOLLS THEY MUST AND YOU THERE REMIND WAY SHE'S NOT WHY THEY WOULD HAVE

I WOULD JUST MAKE DELIA'S PLAN EASIER
ROAD BUSTER ME WITH AN UNTIMELY DEATH.

YOU OBVIOUSLY DON'T KNOW THE MAN
DON'T BE
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT HIM?
TRY TELLING THAT TO THE DOZENS WHO HAVE CROSSED HIM AND DISAPPEARED
BUT WHEN HE'S NOT IN THE CAR THERE'S NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT HIM
I KNOW HE'S ONE OF THE BEST DRIVERS HERE IS
EVEN IF THAT WAS THE PLAN THEY'D SEND SOMEONE HIGHER UP TO DO IT
YOU CAN DEAL WITH ROAD BUSTER BUT DON'T PUSH HIM
OH COME ON! I'LL BET A HUNDRED BUCKS VINCENT DOESN'T EVEN SHOW UP
DON'T DO ANYTHING TO MESS THAT UP
PECK HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE ARE GOING TO DEAL

THE BATH-ROOM!
HEY! WHERE ARE--?
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH HER BY PHONE NOW.
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO TALK TO RALLY.
NO MATTER.
キュッ
SWISS
CHAK
チャッ
HMPH.
THAT WAS SCARY.
OH MAN.
:SIGH:
PHEW.
バタン
BTAM

NEGOTIATIONS ARE TOMORROW. I'LL CALL YOU LATER
OH COME NOW DON'T BE SO MAD
OH, IS THAT YOU, BEAN?
HELLO


IT'S A GOOD THING I SPENT ALL THAT TIME THINKING HOW YOU WOULD GET TO CHICAGO EVEN THOUGH THE MOB WAS LOOKING FOR YOU.
OF COURSE.
YOU WERE FOLLOWING US?
WHAT?!
BUT I'VE ALREADY FOUND HIM. THAT DISGUISE CAN'T FOOL ME
WAIT! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU WANTED TO SEE HOWARD!

WAI---!
BYE.
IT WAS THE LEAST I COULD DO TO RETURN THE FAVOR
I BET YOU DID SOMETHING SIMILAR WHEN YOU FOLLOWED ME IN TEXAS.
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN
I HAD MISTY STAKE OUT MIDWAY AND SHE RECOGNIZED YOUR CORVETTE.

Chicago Tribune
RING
PAK
BUT THE COHNS GANG HAS BOUGHT FROM HIM TWICE.
YEP! I'M NOT SURE WHO THE BROKER IS..
THERE'S A BROKER WHO'S SOLD A HUGE AMOUNT OF EXPLOSIVES
RALLY! I'VE GOT SOME DISTURB-ING NEWS!

THAT HAPPENED AFTER THE COHNS GANG'S FIRST PURCHASE
YEAH, THAT ONE
YOU REMEMBER THAT TERRORIST ATTACK IN DETROIT A YEAR AGO?
HELLO HAND SOME
THEN WHAT?
WELCOME BACK. GET ANY GOOD NEO?
BRMMB
THEN...
IT WAS SOON AFTER THAT HOWARD WAS ARRESTED
A LITTLE TIME PASSED BUT THEY MADE ANOTHER PURCHASE
I BET IT'S ALL PACKED INTO THE GT500
THAT'S RIGHT! THEY HAVEN'T USED THE EXPLO-SIVES YET

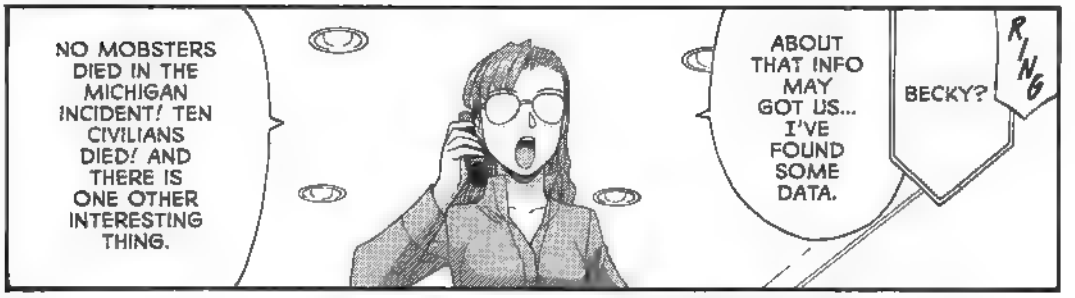
HUH?
...
...
Chicago Typewriter
PLOP
YOU!
...
...
I'M SORRY TO CALL YOU BACK TO CHICAGO.
HOW DARE YOU SNEAK UP ON ME!
THERE'S SOME-THING I'D LIKE TO ASK.

I'VE GOT A--!
PEOPLE ARE STARING.

WE'RE NON-SMOKING.
TSK
A PACK OF CIGA-RETTES!
A... UH--
RUSTLE

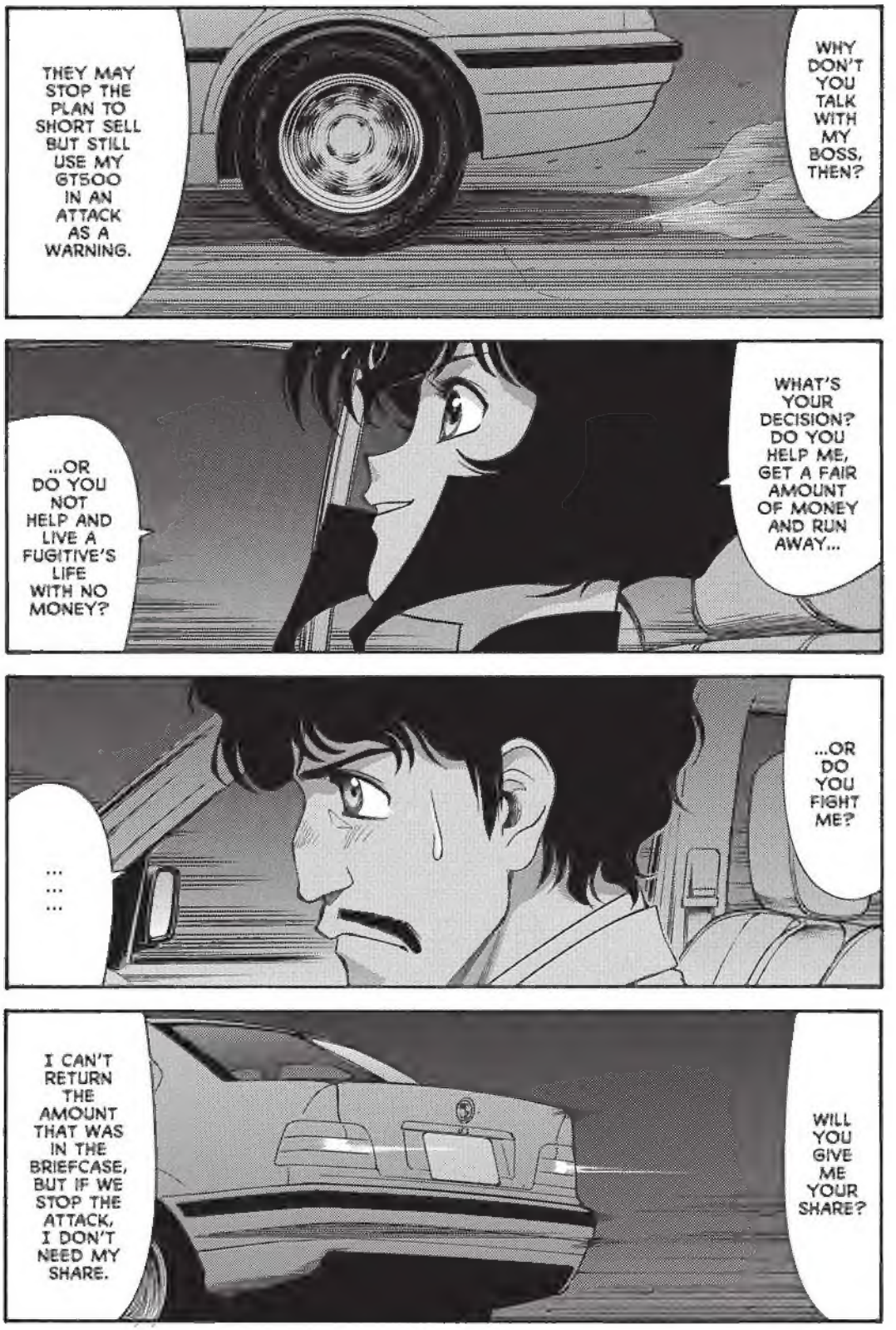
DAMN STRAIGHT. YOU KNOW YOU'D LOSE IN A SHOOTOUT.
RELAX! I DIDN'T COME TO THREATEN OR KIDNAP YOU.
GIGGLE
SORRY
DON'T PLAY STUPID!
EXPLOSIVES? DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
THEY BOUGHT A LARGE AMOUNT OF EXPLOSIVES TWICE WHILE YOU WERE THEIR ACCOUNTANT!
I KNOW THAT THE COHNS GANG, YOUR EMPLOYER, BOUGHT A LARGE AMOUNT OF EXPLOSIVES LAST MONTH, AND THOSE EXPLOSIVES ARE NOW IN MY CAR!

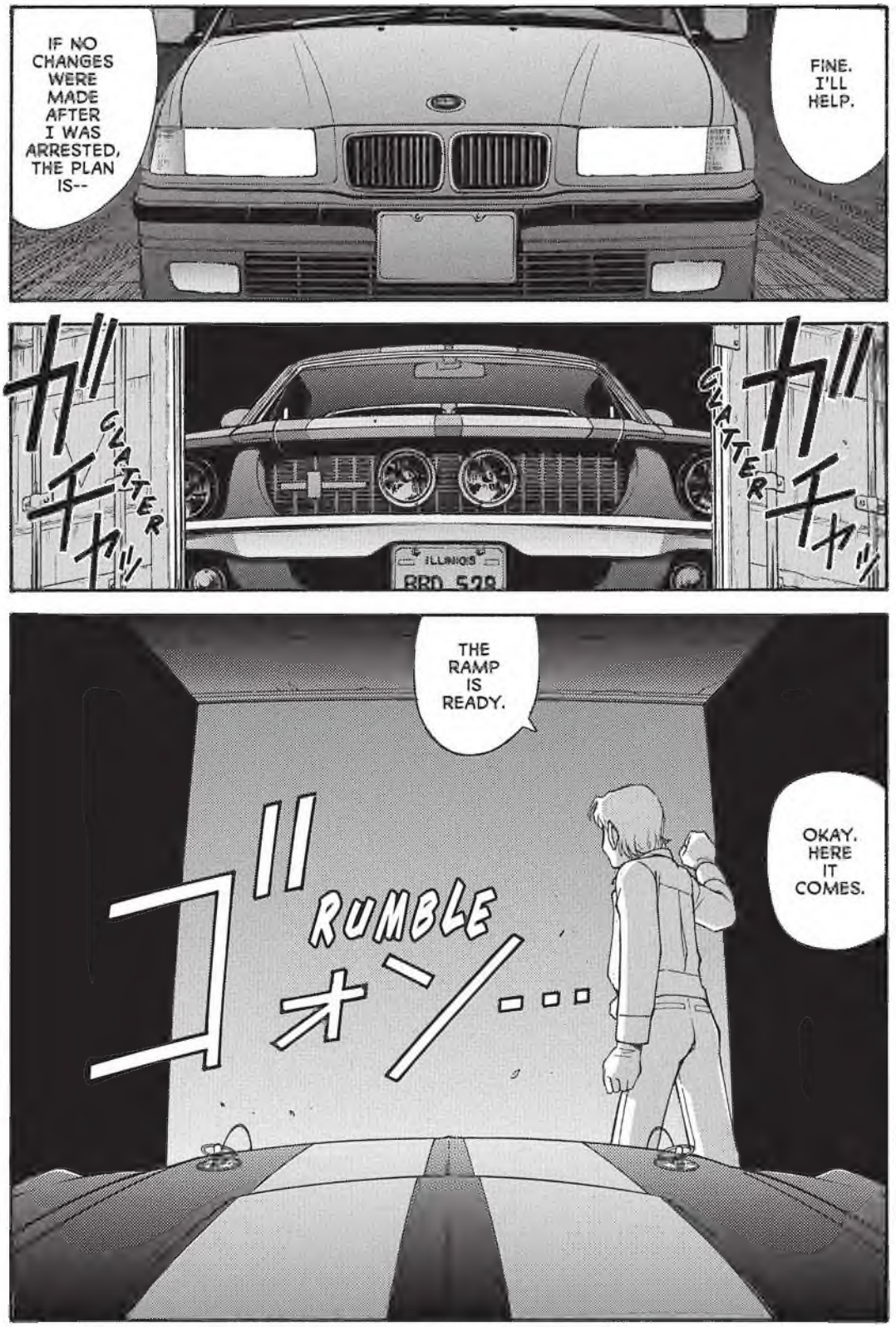
WELL, I--
RING
AND WHERE DID YOU GET THAT PIECE OF CRAP INFO?
TWITCH
YEAH, SURE. WE ALL KNOW YOUR GANG DEALS IN DRUGS.
BUT NOW I ALSO KNOW THEY WERE BEHIND THE BOMBING IN MICHIGAN LAST YEAR.
I ONLY DEALT WITH STOCKS. SOMEONE ELSE MUST'VE TAKEN CARE OF THOSE PURCHASES. I DON'T KNOW WHERE EVERY PENNY WAS SPENT!


NO MOBSTERS DIED IN THE MICHIGAN INCIDENT! TEN CIVILIANS DIED! AND THERE IS ONE OTHER INTERESTING THING.
ABOUT THAT INFO MAY GOT US... I'VE FOUND SOME DATA.
BECKY?
RING

OH, AND BEAN JUST LEFT HERE FOUR MINUTES AGO. HE'S PROBABLY ON HIS WAY
IT WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WAS SEEN BEFOREHAND.
I THOUGHT SO.
WHAT?
COMPANIES RELATED TO THE MOB DID SOME BIG TIME STOCK TRANSACTIONS AFTERWARDS.

THIS WILL BE EASIER IF WE'RE ALONE...
...MR. SHORT-SELL-AFTER-TERRORIST-ATTACK ACCOUNTANT!
LET'S MOVE. WE'RE ABOUT TO BE BOTHERED.
WHAT?
FWSH
HMM.
PAK
...
I DID NOTHING BUT DESK WORK'


THEY MAY STOP THE PLAN TO SHORT SELL BUT STILL USE MY GT500 IN AN ATTACK AS A WARNING.
WHY DON'T YOU TALK WITH MY BOSS, THEN?
...OR DO YOU NOT HELP AND LIVE A FUGITIVE'S LIFE WITH NO MONEY?
WHAT'S YOUR DECISION? DO YOU HELP ME, GET A FAIR AMOUNT OF MONEY AND RUN AWAY...
...
...
...
...OR DO YOU FIGHT ME?
I CAN'T RETURN THE AMOUNT THAT WAS IN THE BRIEFCASE, BUT IF WE STOP THE ATTACK, I DON'T NEED MY SHARE.
WILL YOU GIVE ME YOUR SHARE?



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The most popular ammo in the U.S. after the 9mm parabellum is the 45 acp (45 caliber automatic Colt pistol). This fifteen gram bullet fires at mach 0.8, which is good enough to stop a man in his tracks. Even though it is heavier than the 9mm parabellum, it is slower, and thus they carry about the same energy.

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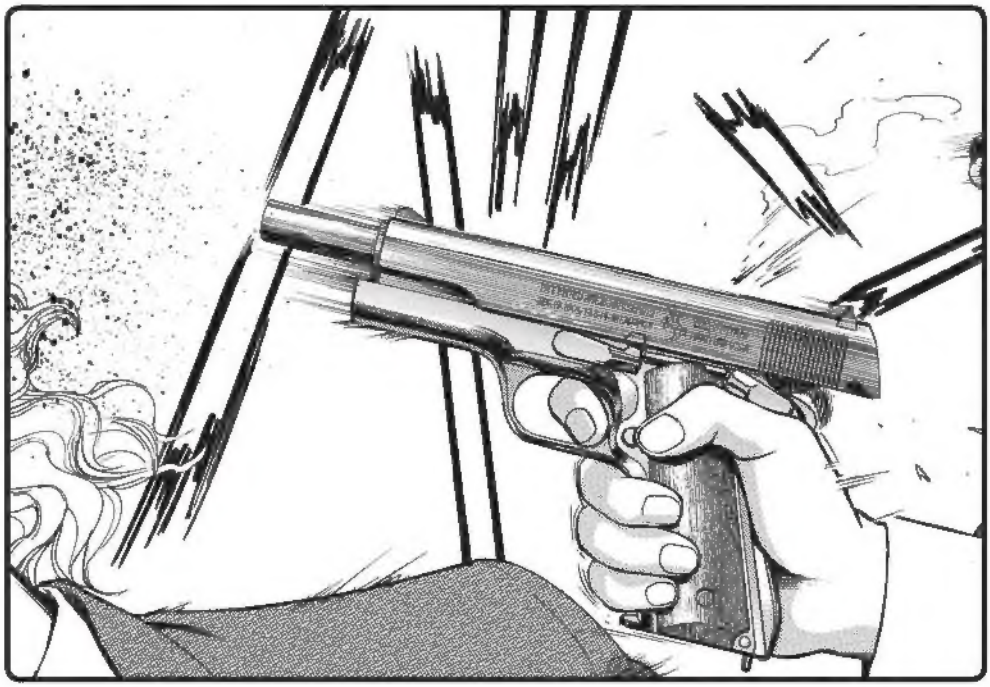

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Sturm, Ruger Super Redhawk .44 Magnum

This is the plastic model gun Kenichi Sonoda asked my company to make. The body was carved out of ABS resin, and metal parts like the hammer are made of Duralamin (an aluminum alloy). Of course, it was made following SPG (safety standard for toy guns) safety precautions. The bill was several thousand dollars (and that was the price for good customers)! Our company's model gun designer Hiroyuki Fukuda poured his sweat and blood into the job to produce a product that is a scale model within 1/100 mm of the original. It is perfect down to every detail, even when you take it apart. After it was finished, we displayed it at our company's booths at military events, and within a year two air gun companies were offering competing Redhawk products. It's amazing the impact a single order can have!

Yo, Sonoda! You've got a good eye for guns!

—Heihachiro Matsudaira, representative of Model Works Grenade, a manufacturer of custom gun parts and model kits.

Editors note: firearms are almost totally illegal in Japan, hence the popularity of super detailed (and expensive) model guns for those who love them.